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KIT BALLARD

A.K.A. Blade Kitten, a 24 year old Felion bounty hunter from the planet Midsun.

Kit Ballard is one of the few survivors of her people's near genocide at the hands of an ancient alien race known as the Darques.

Having fled the ruins of her homeworld, Kit has wandered the systems and made a name for herself as one of the best Breakers (Bounty Hunter) in the business.

The course of her adventures have led her to the backwater planet known as Hollow Wish.

Little does she know that this planet will be her past into her future.

DARQUE BLADE

Basically it's a very powerful Free type (floating) blade with a few special modifications. The blade is a traditional ceramic K-25 composite, set in a Xorbidium alloy flat and back.

This gives it excellent blend of attack and defense properties. Like all Free blades this one is equipped with three geogravitic inductors, which allows the user to control the mass of the blade.

These geograv units allow the blade to float and can even support the weight of the user for short periods of time.

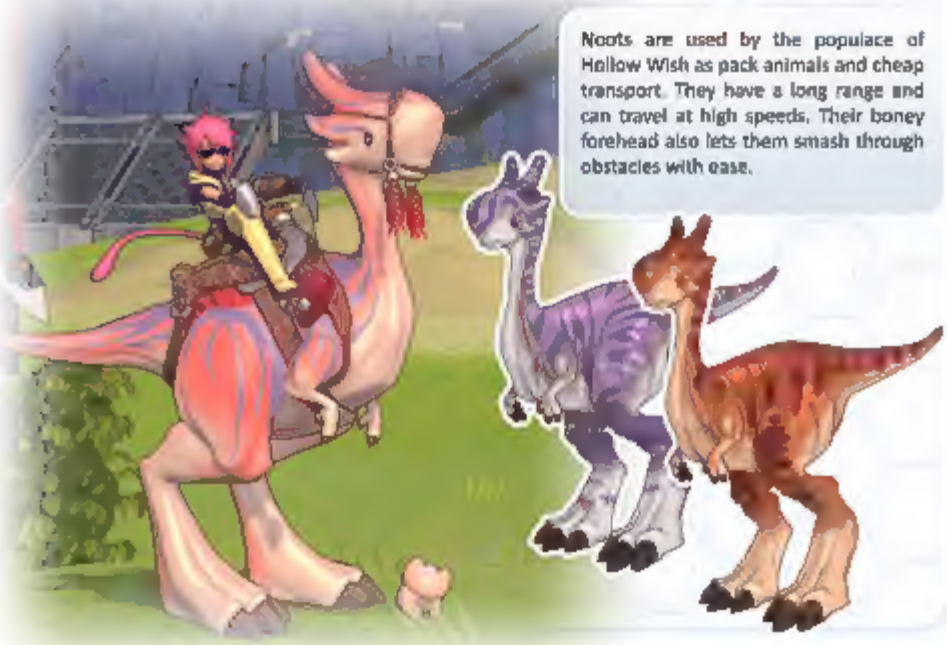
The special feature of Kit's blade is the rudimentary artificial intelligence systems that allows the blade to respond to her commands and complete simple tasks from a command set of 43 instructions.

SKIFFY

Kit's mascot sidekick – he's a cute companion who seems to be on hand whenever Kit really gets into trouble. Armed with flight glands and a protective nature, Skiffy can sniff out trouble... and any tasty food that's been left around.

NOOTS

Noots are used by the populace of Hollow Wish as pack animals and cheap transport. They have a long range and can travel at high speeds. Their boney forehead also lets them smash through obstacles with ease.

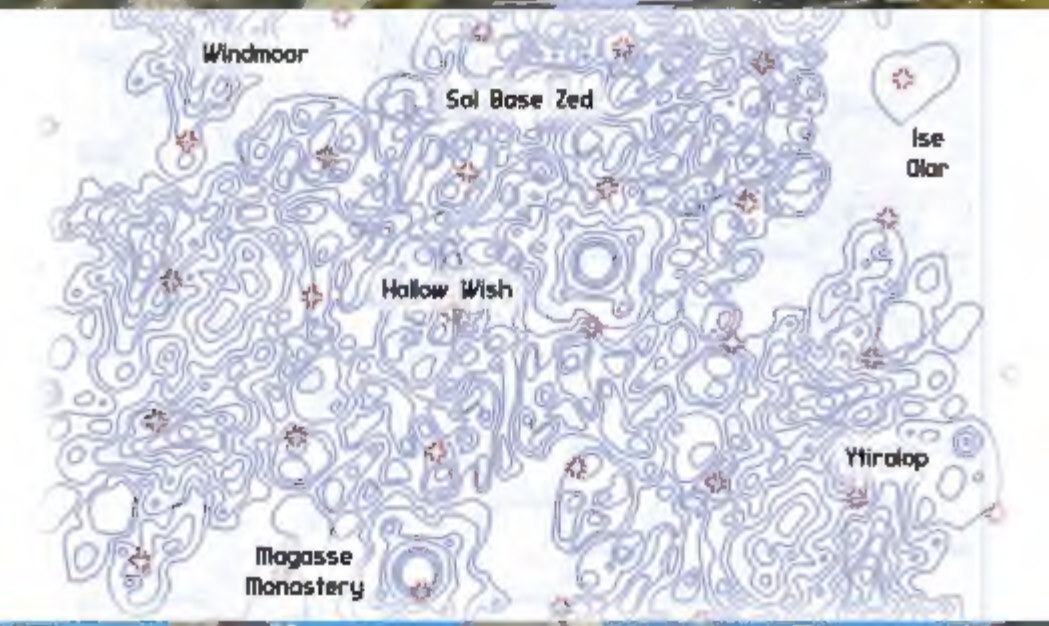


HOLLOW WISH

Welcome to Hollow Wish, a protectorate of the Greater Lithorian Empire. This Moebius type synthetic planetoid is thought to have been originally constructed many hundreds of thousands of years ago by one of the lost species.

The Lithorians claimed the planetoid at the end of the first frontier war about 350 years ago. Now with little interest in this backwater they have decided to outsource the policing of the planet to a mercenary contingent of Sol Triumvirate forces.

The capital, also known as Hollow Wish, is a hollow mesa, port-town linking the interior of the planet to its exterior. It is built directly into the side of the rock.



JUSTICE KREEL

A sometime rival of Kit's, Justice hails from Earth and a military family. Justice has a background with the Sol Forces special operations unit known as Zero Division. While she has claimed to have left the service she still seems to have close ties to the unit when she needs assistance.

Justice rarely lives up to her namesake and will do whatever foul trick is necessary to get her bounty including but not limited to disintegration.

She has a ship called Liberty, named in honor of her mother.

SOL TRIUMVIRATE

Made up of the combined forces of the Sol system's planets; Earth, Mars and Jupiter.

The Sol Triumvirate is one of the four major factions that fought the Second Frontier War.

Unfortunately they lost and their forces are a shadow of their former glory. Now they mostly act as a mercenary police force in outer laying regions like Hollow Wish.

HUNDERT TONNE

Meet Hundert Tonne, the proprietor of Hollow Wish's famed Weaporium. Tonne is widely renowned for his ability to source items from all around the eastern sector.

From the finest foods like Scroad ribs, purest Noot milk, Gascargot and freshest Gooboo juice to the latest gear from around the galaxy. Of course the Weaporium also stocks a selection of the finest blades legally purchasable under the personal safety act of 151.3 NF.

Mr. Tonne, a Jelf from the Korunda system says "You only buy top-good merchandise from Hundert Tonne. You come back again and again and bring plenty Hex!"

The Weaporium only accepts cash purchases in Hex - no credit.

A selection of the fine costumes and disguises available at the Weaporium.

TERRA-LI

A Squamatan troublemaker on Hollow Wish, Li (Terra is her family name) is the leader of the Norteun Wolves.

With her underground freedom fighters Terra-Li is trying to remove the off-worlders from Hollow Wish - specifically the low-life brigands that use the planet as a staging point for local pirate raids.

Terra-Li has a bounty of one million Hex, dead or alive, on her head.

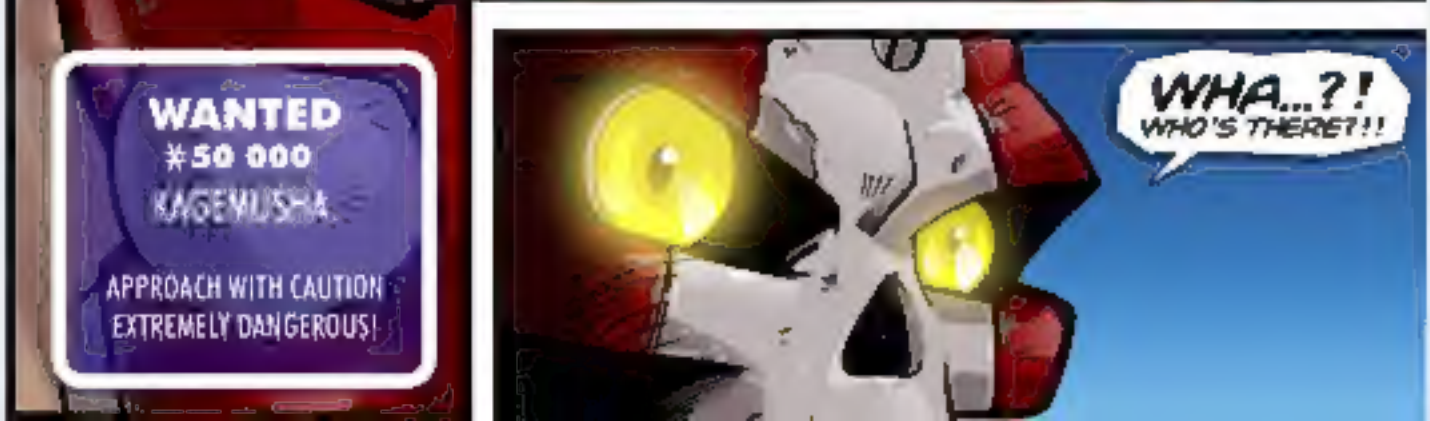
SQUAMATANS

Semi reptilian humanoids, the Squamatans have horned heads and large gecko-like tails.

Found on a number of plants around the galaxy, the Squamatans are a very laid back society. Unfortunately, this has led to them being victimized by many unscrupulous groups over the years.

Squamatans are not good travellers and seem almost luddite, but they do in fact have access to some quite advanced technology.

IN THIS CASE, VERY BAD.
WHY DO THEY EVEN BOTHER SENDING OUT THESE PATHETIC DRONES AGAINST ME?
SO WEAK... UNDERPOWERED. A DISTRACTION AT BEST!
MAYBE... THAT'S ALL THEY WANTED?



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IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE??
...OR ARE YOU JUST AFTER A QUICK DEATH?
QUICK IS IT?
I BET THAT'S YOUR STORY IN THE SACK, TOO!
AM I RIGHT ABOUT THAT, HORNY?

YOU KNOW... I MIGHT HAVE LET YOU LIVE.
BUT NOW...
...I THINK THAT MAYBE A NICE... SLOW... DEATH, IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY.
YES, AFTER THOSE LAST PUSSIES... I'M MORE THAN SURE I'LL BE TAKING MY TIME WITH YOU

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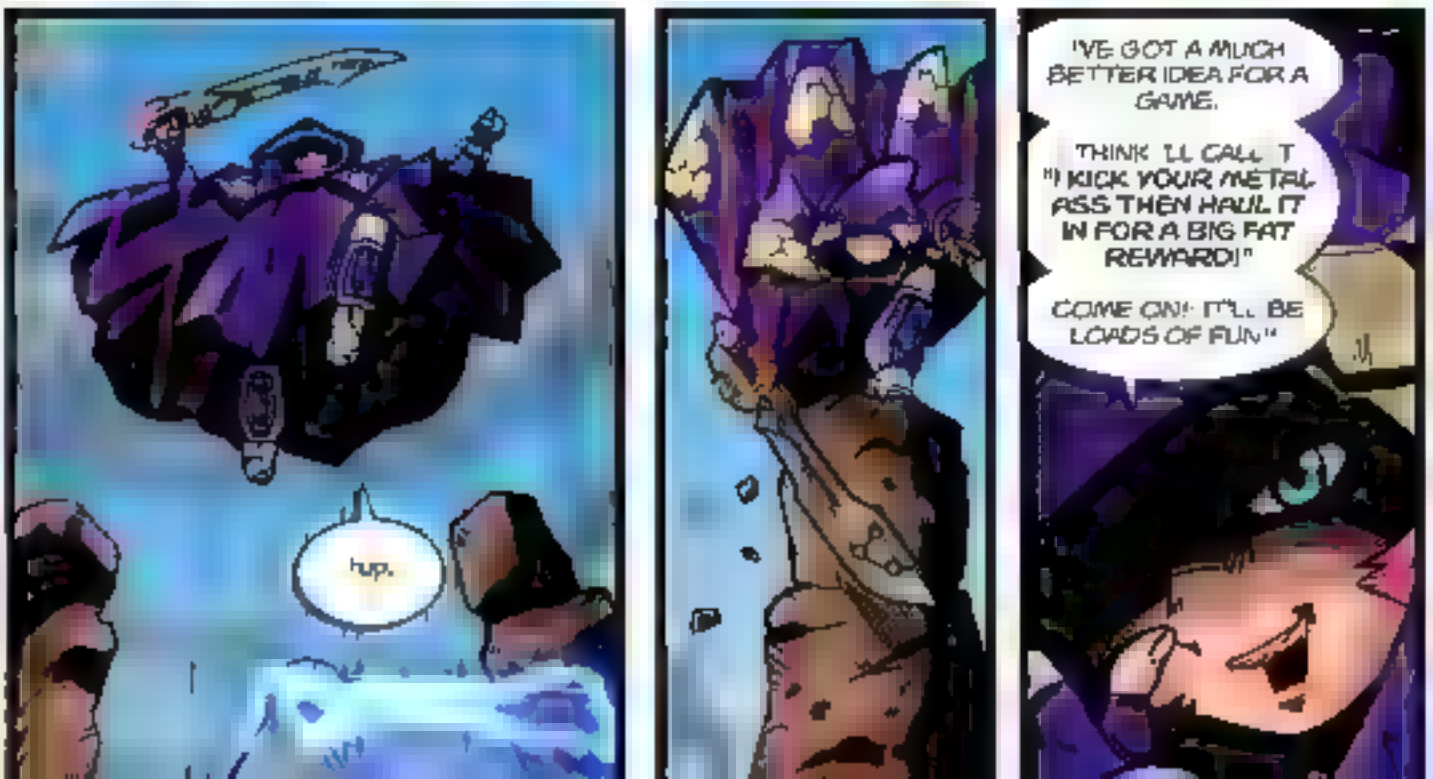
hup.
I'VE GOT A MUCH BETTER IDEA FOR A GAME.
THINK I'LL CALL IT "I KICK YOUR METAL ASS THEN HAUL IT IN FOR A BIG FAT REWARD!"
COME ON! IT'LL BE LOADS OF FUN!

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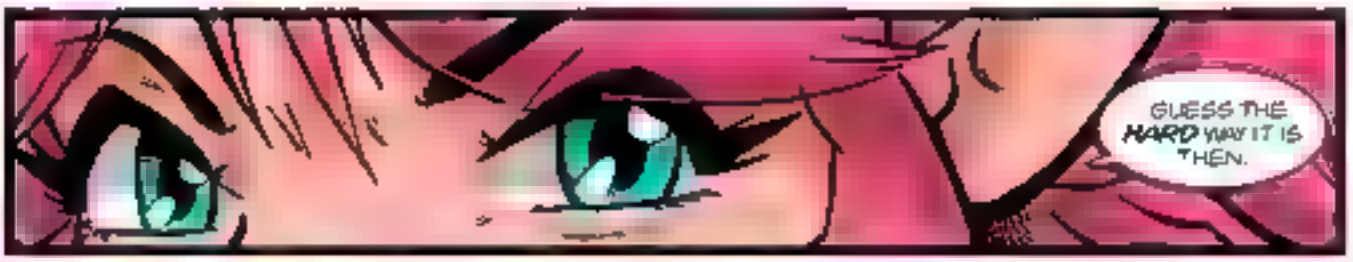
Chris Stevens

JUST WHO IS THAT??
DOESN'T MATTER.
WE'LL JUST FINISH IT HERE AND NOW.
MMMMMMMM
KER-ASHHH
LET'S SEE THAT SMART MOUTH GET YOU OUT OF THIS ONE
AHHH, I LOVE MY WORK.

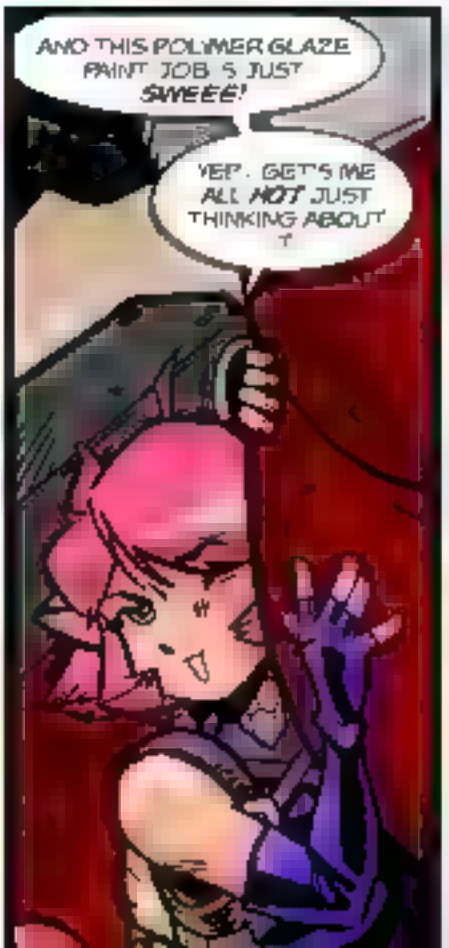
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE A FEW TONS OF ROCK DROPPED ON YOU!
EH??
WHAT THE??
NO, THIS ISN'T RIGHT
THERE'S NO WAY THEY COULD HAVE SURVIVED THAT
OK!! SHOW YOURSELF..
..YOU LITTLE FALTERDAN!!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A FALTERDAN???
AND WHAT WOULD YOUR MOTHER SAY IF SHE HEARD YOU USING THAT SORT OF LAUNGUAGE!
LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CLEAN THAT MOUTH OUT FOR HER.
WHO ARE YOU??!!
ME?? I'M KIT, KIT BALLARD..
BUT YOU CAN JUST CALL ME DADDY.

SO, YOU WANT TO DO THIS THE EASY WAY OR THE HARD WAY???
WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING AT?
DO YOU THINK I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE UP AND LET YOU COLLECT THE BOUNTY ON MY HEAD...
...JUST BECAUSE YOU JUMP AROUND LIKE SOME MONKEY ON SPEED?
JUST GO AWAY LITTLE GIRL
WHILE YOU STILL CAN!



IT'S SUCH A SHAME I NEED TO TAKE YOU IN.
FIND THAT POWER BATTLE SKIN OF YOURS JUST SO...
DREAMY.
MEAN IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU GET TO MEET A GUY WITH SUCH FINE TASTE IN CLOTHES.

AIN'T THAT A KAZAMA HEAVY METAL INDUSTRIES, SERIES 847 COMBAT FRAME WITH A CUSTOM VARIABLE GEO BOOSTER, COVERED IN A RICH CREAMY COATING OF POLYCARBONATED ARMOR PLATED GOODNESS?



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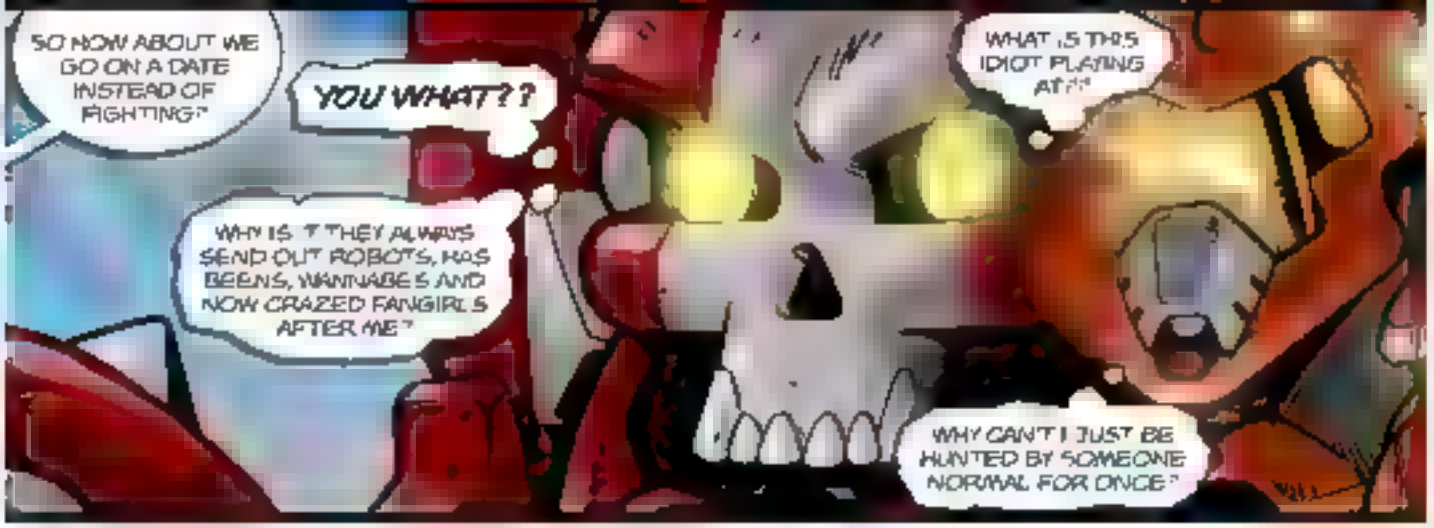
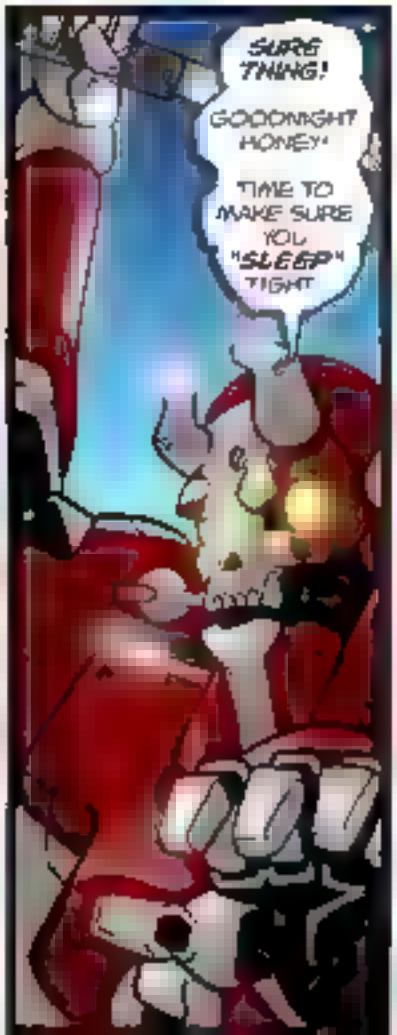
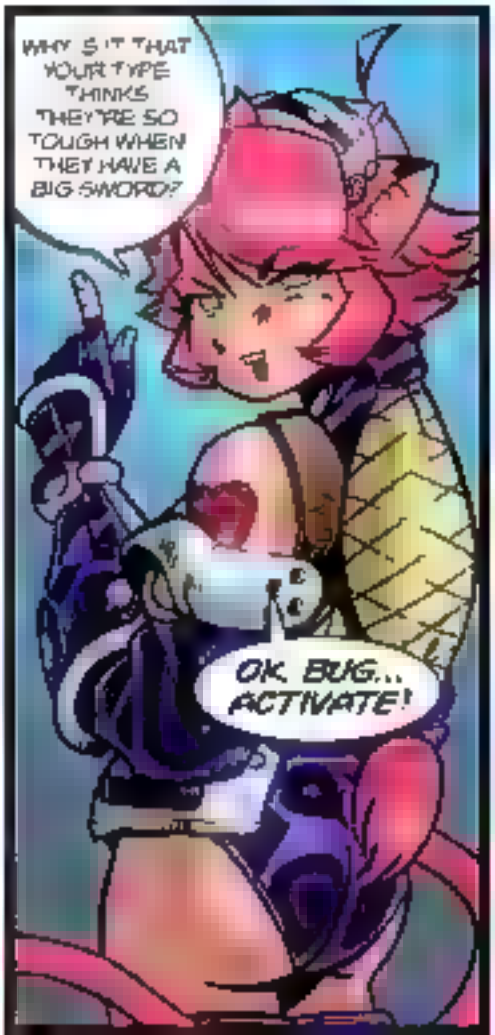

SO NOW ABOUT WE GO ON A DATE INSTEAD OF FIGHTING?
YOU WHAT??
WHAT IS THIS IDIOT PLAYING AT?!
WHY IS IT THEY ALWAYS SEND OUT ROBOTS, HAS BEENS, WANNABES AND NOW CRAZED FANGIRLS AFTER ME?
WHY CAN'T I JUST BE HUNTED BY SOMEONE NORMAL FOR ONCE?

TIME TO GET GOING BIG BOY.

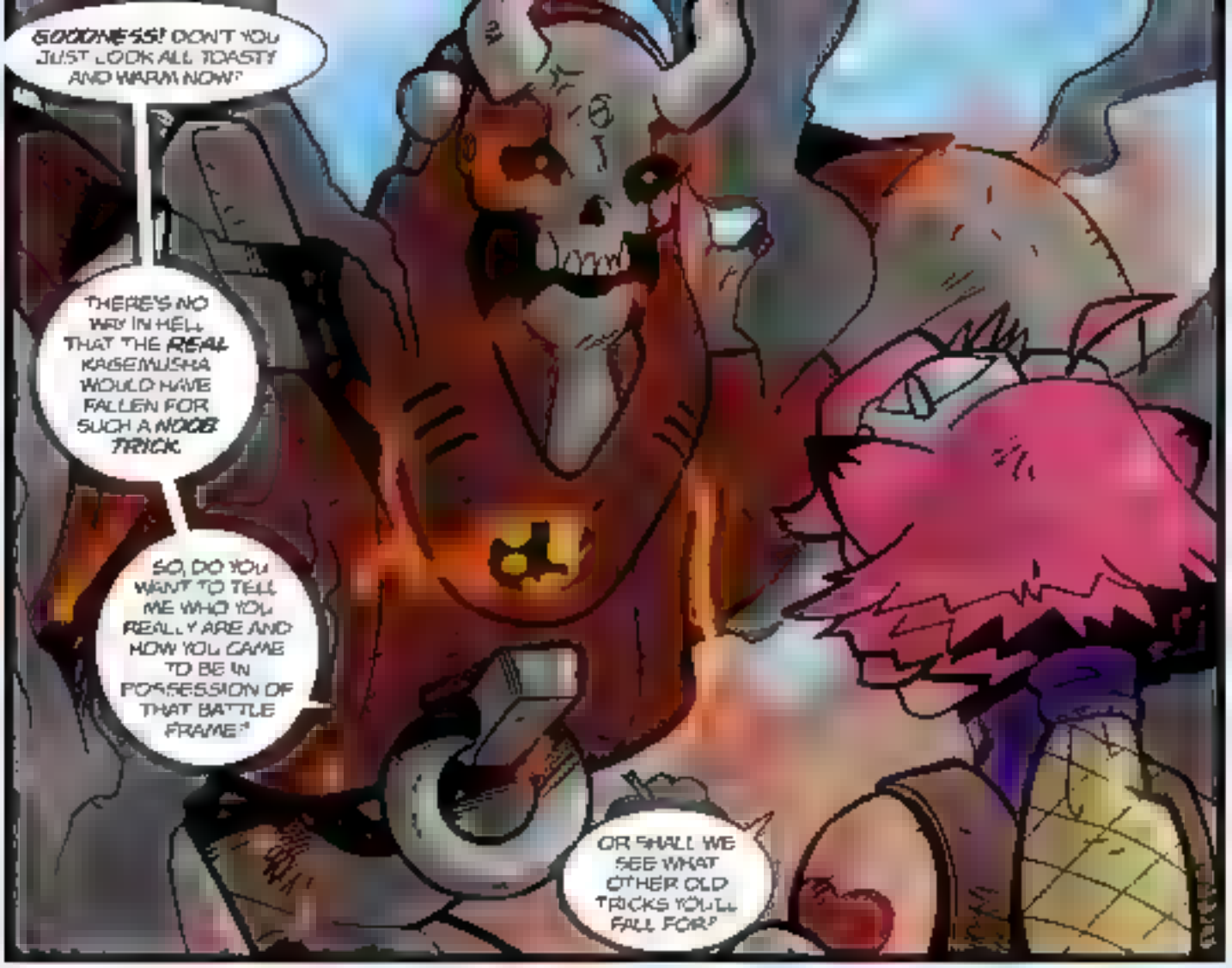
SAY GOODNIGHT HONEY

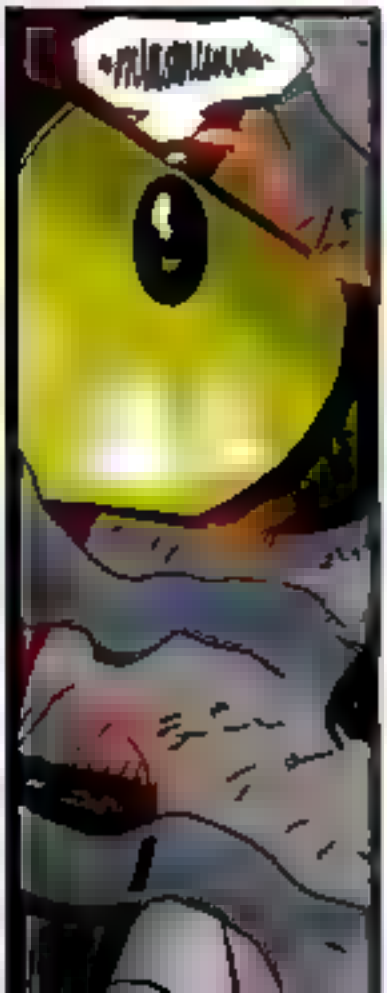

SURE THING!
GOODNIGHT HONEY!
TIME TO MAKE SURE YOU "SLEEP" TIGHT


WHY S IT THAT YOUR TYPE THINKS THEY'RE SO TOUGH WHEN THEY HAVE A BIG SWORD?
OK, BUG... ACTIVATE!

WHAT THE?!

WHAT?! YOU MEAN THIS LIL OLD THING?
I'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT SOMEONE WITH YOUR BACKGROUND WOULD BE WELL AQUAINTED WITH ONE OF THESE THINGIES.
BUT I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOU AREN'T QUITE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE.
OTHERWISE YOU WOULDN'T BE SO BADLY EFFECTED BY A COMMON OR GARDEN VARIETY SHOCK BUG. WOULD YOU NOW?
SHOCK BUG
AS YOU KNOW, ALL DRONES AND FRAMES HAVE A CENTRAL CONTROL LINE (CCL) WHICH REGULATES THEIR MOVEMENTS. THE CCL OPERATES UNDER A SYNCHRONOUS PROTOCOL.
ENTER THE SHOCK BUG. CUTE LITTLE THING ISN'T IT?
THE SHOCK BUG IS A SMALL CCL SCAMBLER THAT PHYSICALLY LINKS TO THE HOST AND SENDS OUT ASYNCHRONUS FLUX PULSES THAT DISRUPTS THE CCL SIGNAL AND SENDS THE FRAME INTO TORQUE SPASMS.
THEREBY LEAVING IT OPEN TO PHYSICAL ATTACK. OF COURSE A TRUE PRO WOULD HAVE AN ASYNC CCL SET UP THUS AVOIDING THIS PROBLEM.


GOODNESS! DON'T YOU JUST LOOK ALL TOASTY AND WARM NOW?
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL THAT THE REAL KASEMUSHA WOULD HAVE FALLEN FOR SUCH A NOOB TRICK.
SO, DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHO YOU REALLY ARE AND HOW YOU CAME TO BE IN POSSESSION OF THAT BATTLE FRAME?
OR SHALL WE SEE WHAT OTHER OLD TRICKS YOU'LL FALL FOR?


FALCONUNA

HEY!!!
FALTERDAN!
SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT ONE COMING A MILE AWAY.

"BREAKER KILLED BY PRETEND GANGSTER WANNABE" WOULD LOOK CRAP ON MY TOMB!
WELL THAT AIN'T GOING TO HAPPEN TODAY!
NICE TRY HORNY!!
FINE MORE OF THE JUMPING AROUND
ARE YOU A CAT OR A MONKEY?
WHAT'S NEXT? MORE JUMPING?
AWW, DON'T BE LIKE THAT HORNY!!!
JUST FOR YOU, I'LL SHOW YOU A VERY SPECIAL TRICK.
OH I CAN HARDLY CONTAIN MYSELF.

BLADE... FREE MODE!!

TIME TO FINISH THIS UP!

OK HERE I COME!!
LOOK OUT BELOW!

BLADE... HEEL!!

WOOT!!

HUH?

GAAAHHHH!!

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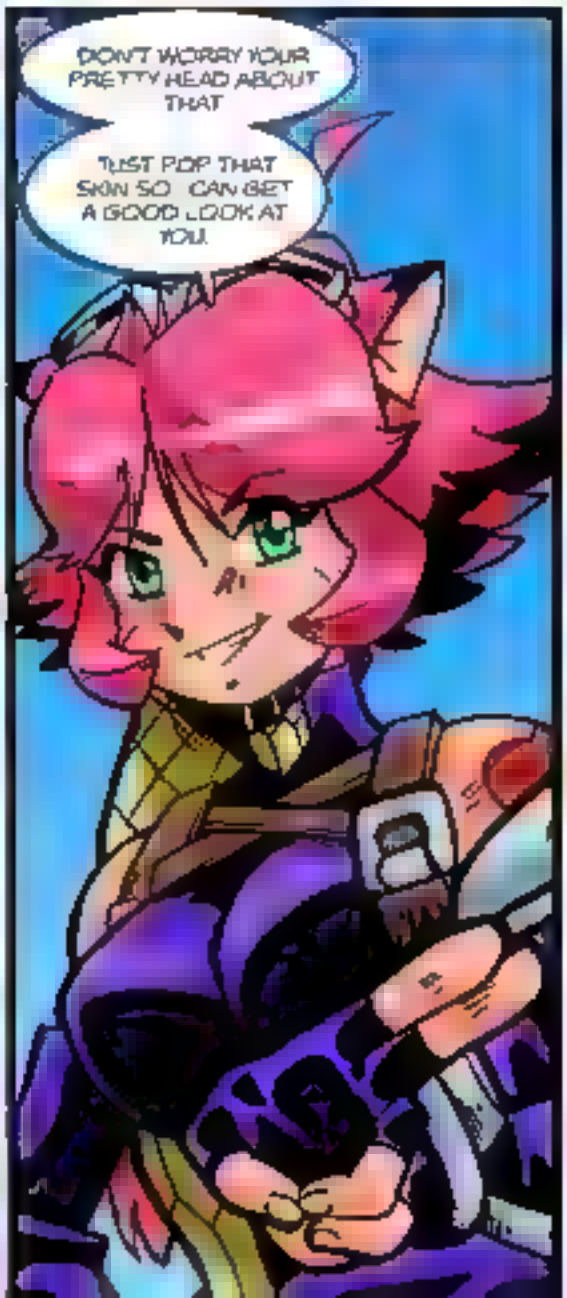
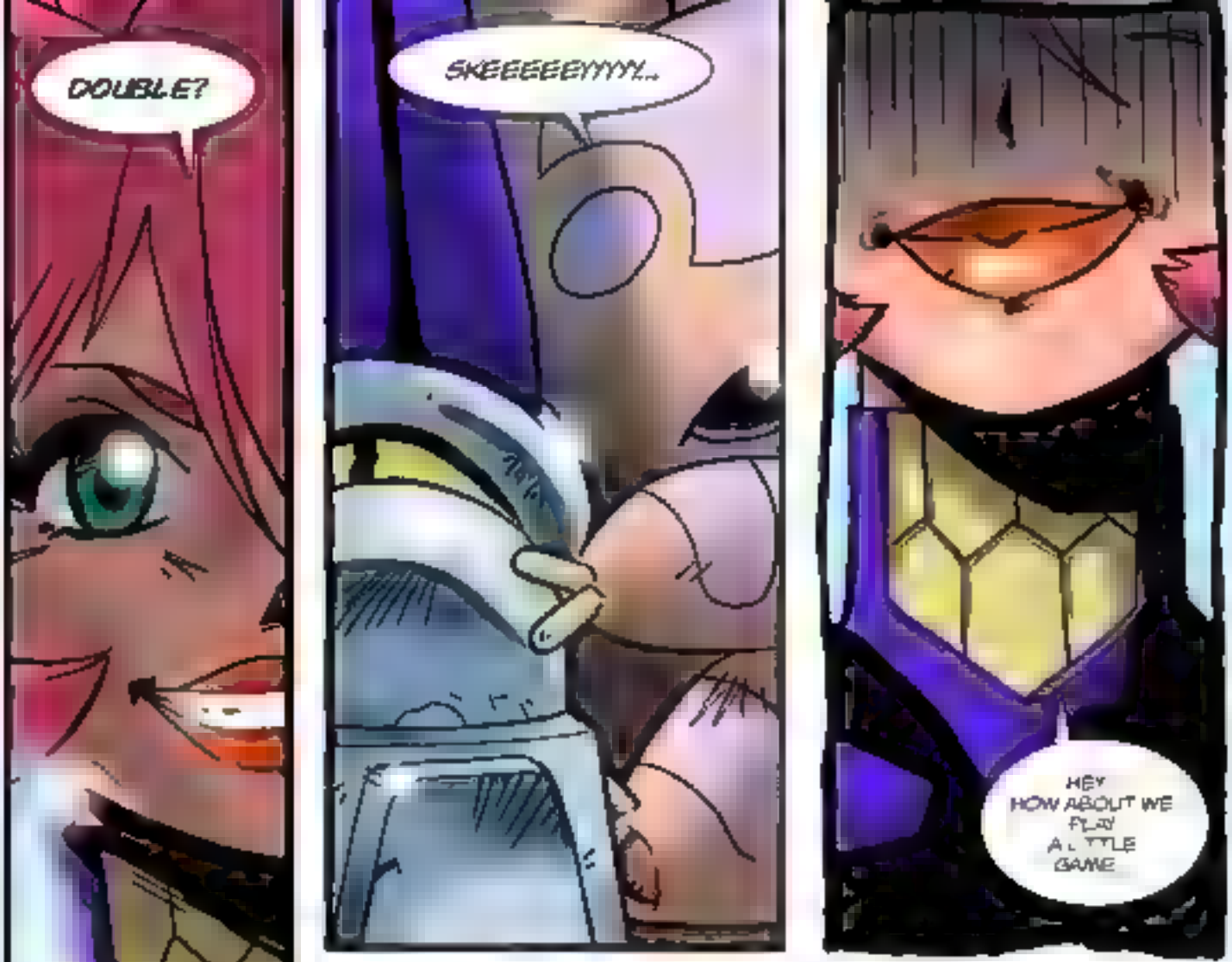
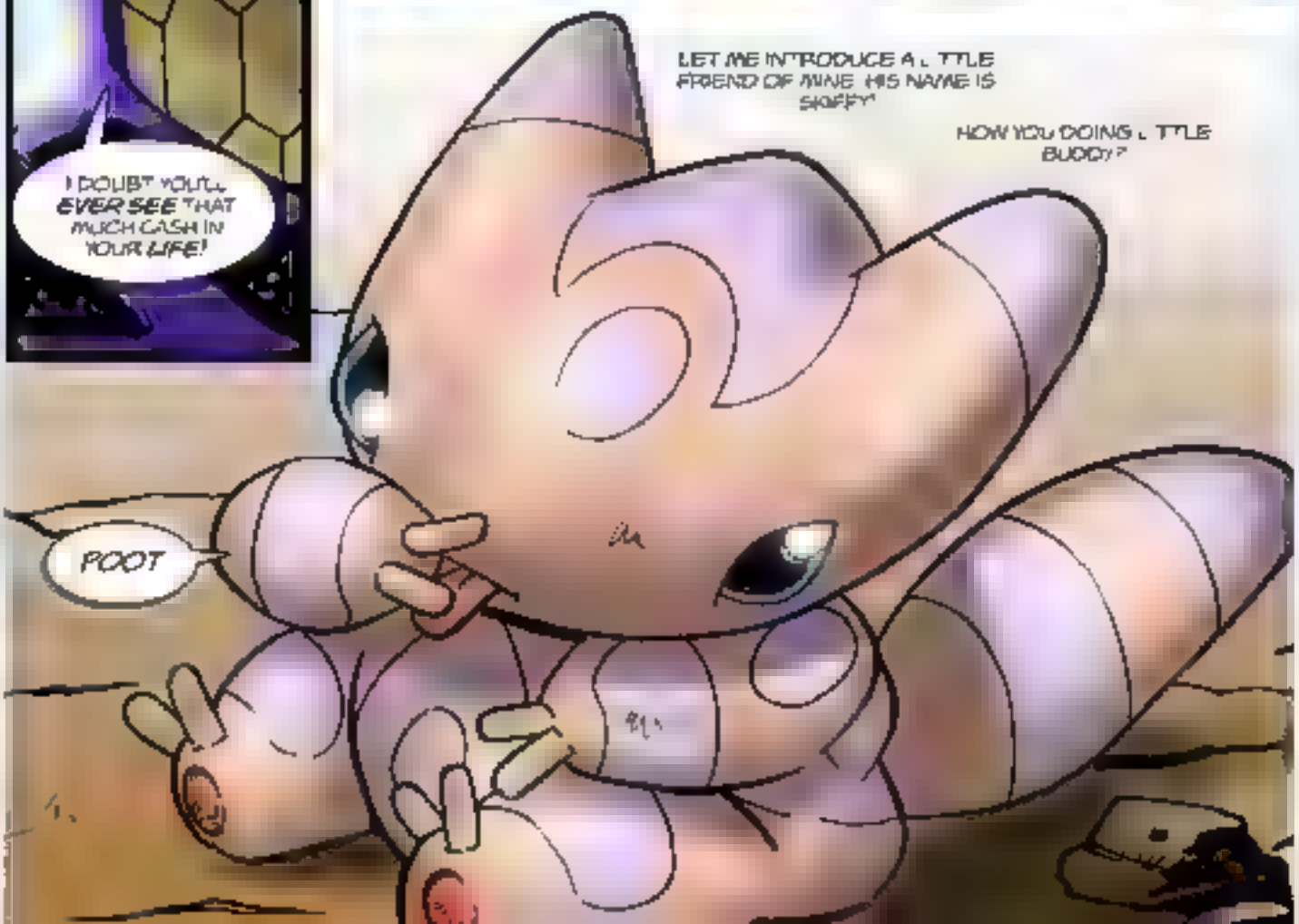
A..A DARQUE BLADE! BUT HOW DID YOU GET ONE OF THOSE ..?"

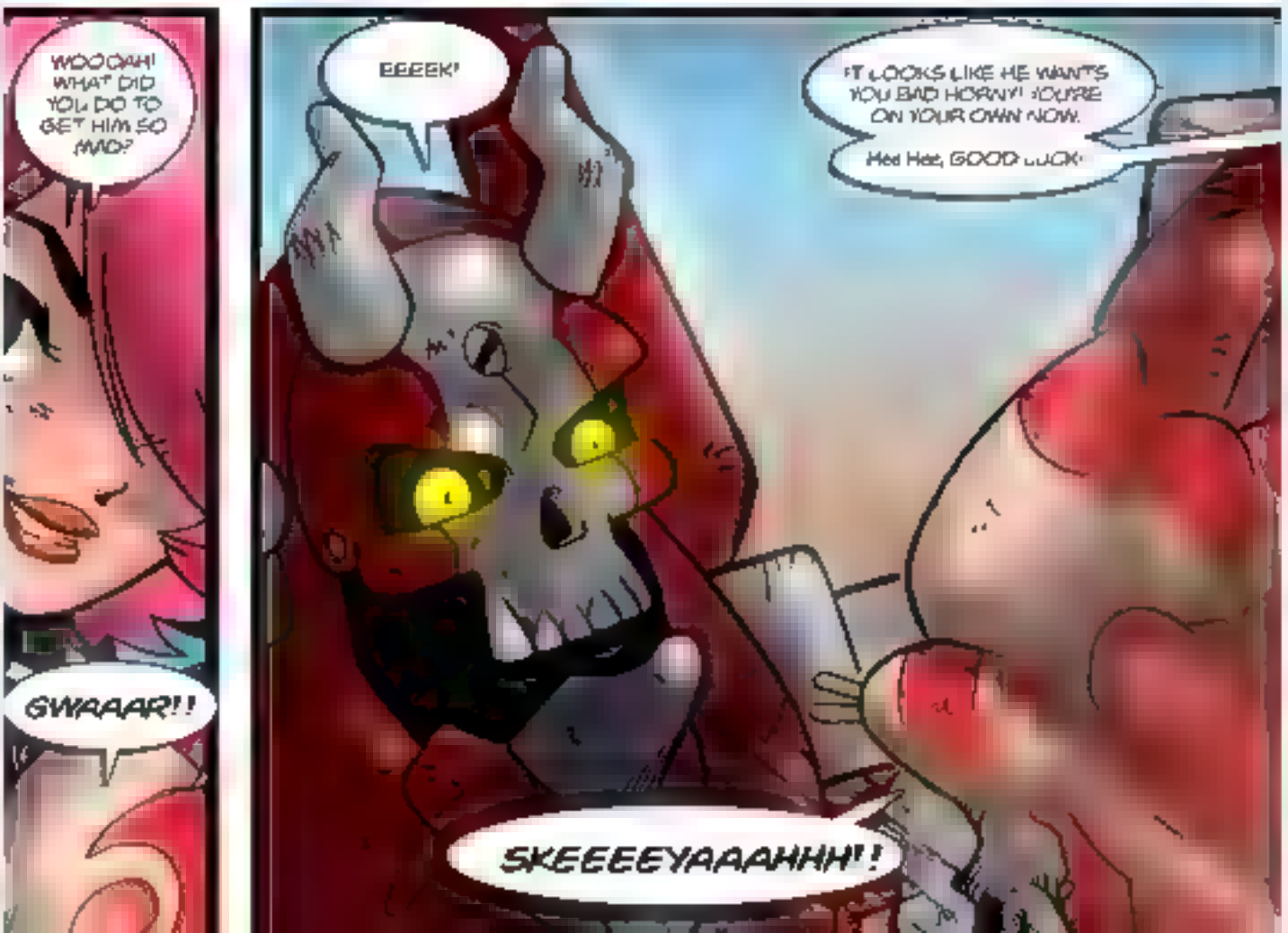

DON'T WORRY YOUR PRETTY HEAD ABOUT THAT
JUST POP THAT SKIN SO I CAN GET A GOOD LOOK AT YOU.

BITE ME, BREAKER!
HOW ABOUT WE CUT A DEAL, YOU LET ME GO AND I'LL GET YOU DOUBLE YOUR BOUNTY?
THINK ABOUT IT, 'CAUSE THERE'S NO WAY I'M BUSTING OUT OF THIS SUIT


DOUBLE?
I DOUBT YOU'LL EVER SEE THAT MUCH CASH IN YOUR LIFE!
SKEEEEEEYYYYY...
HEY HOW ABOUT WE PLAY A LITTLE GAME

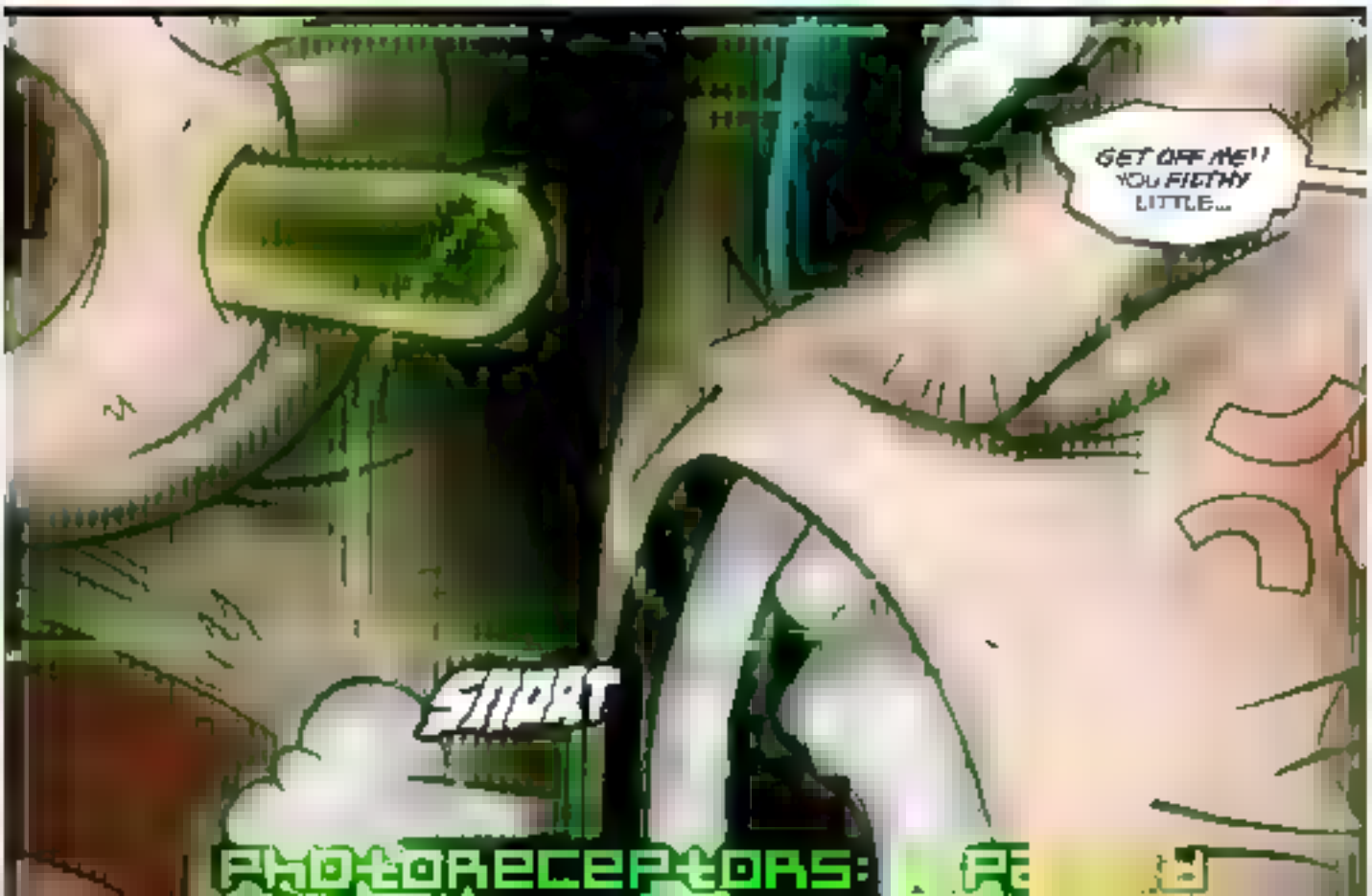

LET ME INTRODUCE A LITTLE FRIEND OF MINE. HIS NAME IS SKIFFY!
HOW YOU DOING LITTLE BUDDY?
POOT

ISN'T HE JUST THE MOST ADORABLE THING YOU'VE EVER SEEN!
SOOOO CWOOT AND CWUDDLY!!
KWAAAA..
I BETCHA HE CAN TAKE DOWN YOUR SHINY METAL ASS IN LESS THAN A MINUTE
WHATCHA SAY MR HORNY ROBOT GUY, YOU UP FOR IT?
HOW ABOUT YOU LIL BUDDY!
GAAAARRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!!!!


WOOOAH! WHAT DID YOU DO TO GET HIM SO MAD?
GWAAAR!!
BEEEK!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE WANTS YOU BAD HORNY! YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN NOW.
Hee Hee, GOOD LUCK!
SKEEEEYAAAHHH!!

SKEECHAAAAA...

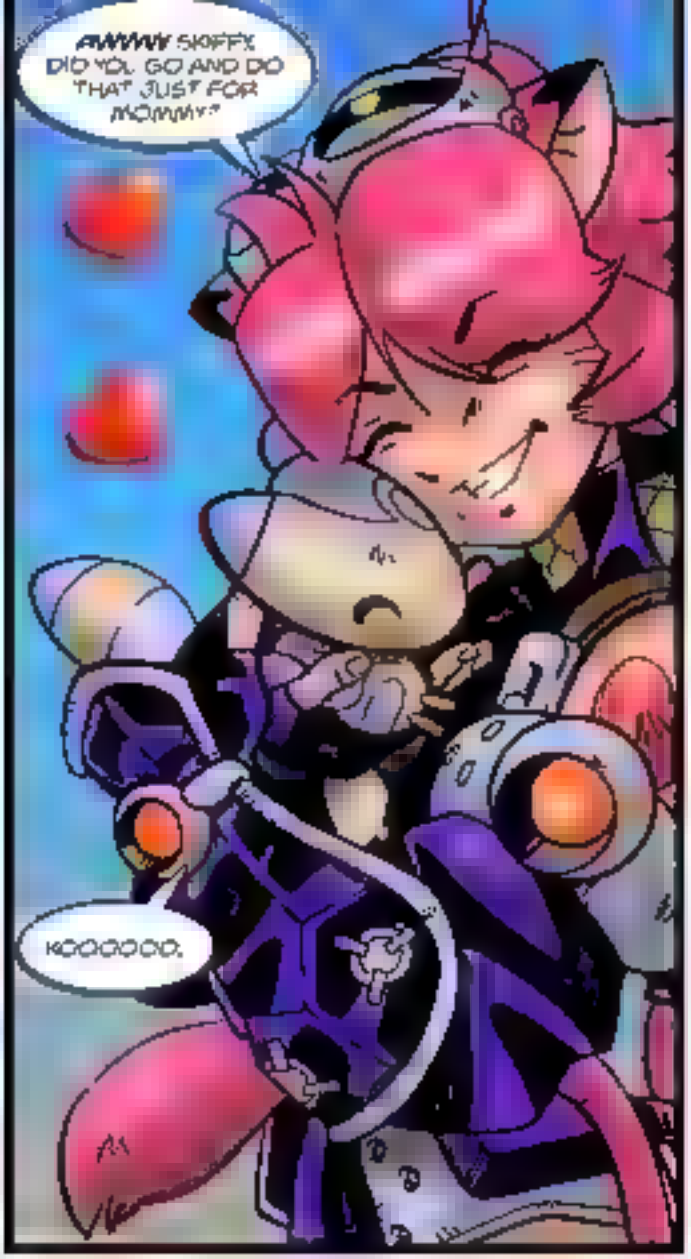
OH NO.. PLEASE DON'T LET HIM DO WHAT I THINK HE'S GOING TO DO.
I'M THE ONE THAT HAS TO CLEAN UP AFTER HIM.


GET OFF ME!! YOU FILTHY LITTLE...
SMART
PHOTORECEPTORS:

HEY! STAY AWAY FROM THAT !!

WHAT DID YOU DO YOU LITTLE...?!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT SMELL?

DOOOOH, I THINK I NEED A LITTLE SIT DOWN.
SQWAAAAA!!
SKEH, SKEH, SKEH, SKEH!


AWWW SKIFFY, DID YOU GO AND DO THAT JUST FOR MOMMY?
KOOOOOO.

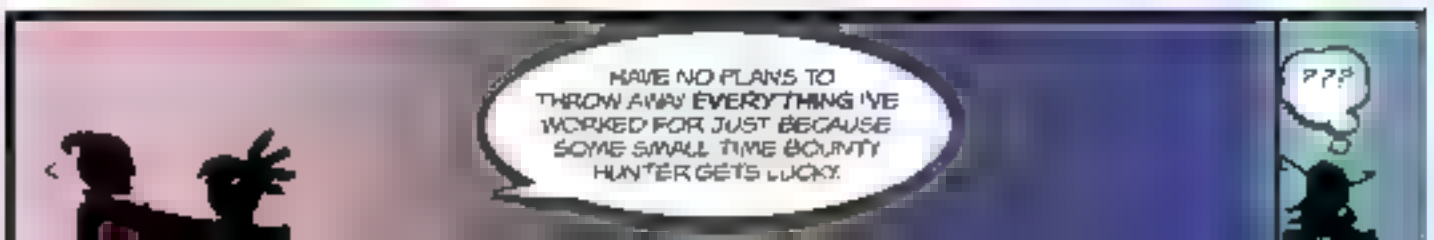
THAT'S FUNNY, MR HORNY ROBOT GUY DOESN'T LOOK NEARLY AS TOUGH NOW.
HE SMELLS SHOCKING THOUGH.

WELL LET'S GET HIM WRAPPED UP SO WE CAN HEAD ON HOME
NEED A NICE LONG BATH, MY PANTS ARE FULL OF SAND.
SKYAAA??
NO, I DON'T LIKE THEM LIKE THAT

TOLD YOU IT WOULD NEVER WORK!!
I DON'T KNOW WHY I EVER AGREED TO BE PART OF THIS.
I THINK IT'S ENTIRELY BECAUSE YOU WANT EXACTLY WHAT I OFFER YOU.
ISN'T IT?
HMPF...
BUT DON'T THINK FOR A MOMENT THAT I WAS UNPREPARED FOR THIS SITUATION.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE TO CLEAN UP THE MESS.
YOU JUST NEED TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES AND DO YOUR PUBLIC DUTIES AS ALWAYS...

...AND MY PEOPLE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST


I HAVE NO PLANS TO THROW AWAY EVERYTHING I'VE WORKED FOR JUST BECAUSE SOME SMALL TIME BOUNTY HUNTER GETS LUCKY.
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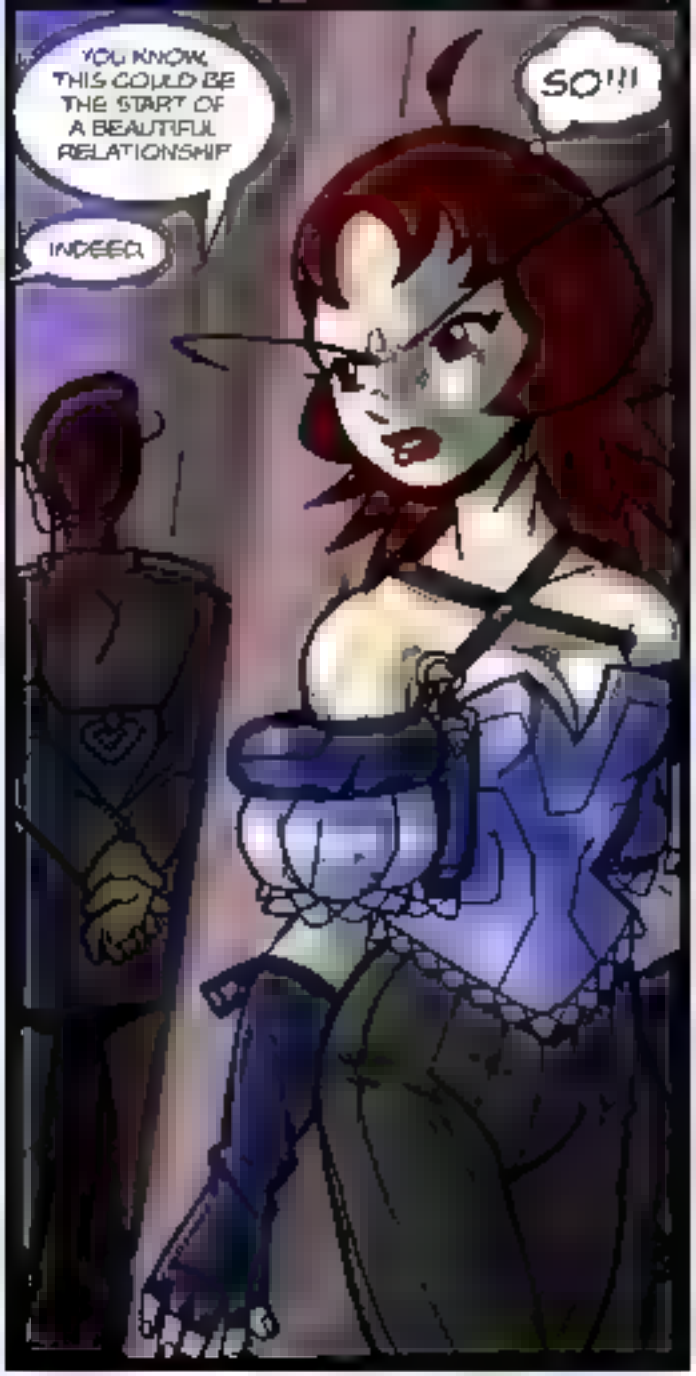
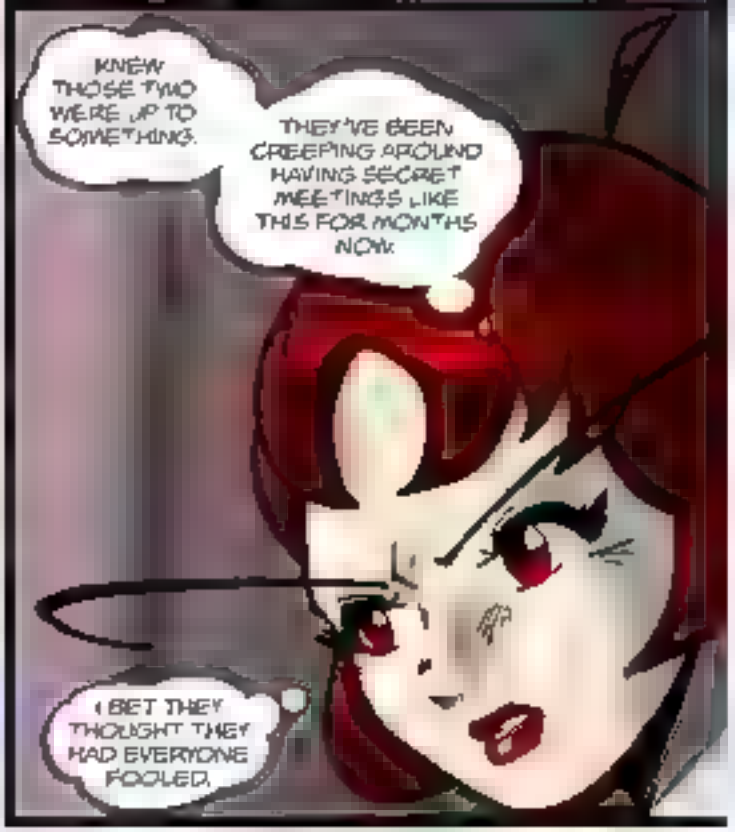
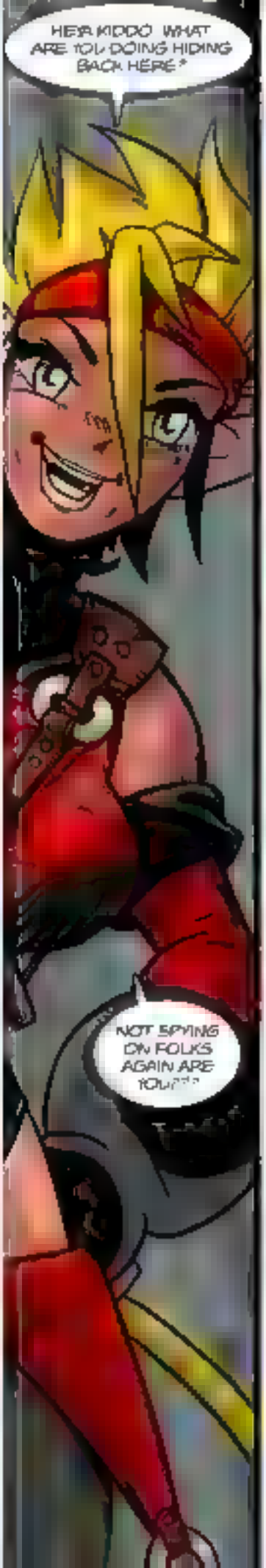

YOU KNOW, THIS COULD BE THE START OF A BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIP
SO!!!
INDEED.


KNEW THOSE TWO WERE UP TO SOMETHING.
THEY'VE BEEN CREEPING AROUND HAVING SECRET MEETINGS LIKE THIS FOR MONTHS NOW.
I BET THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD EVERYONE FOOLED.

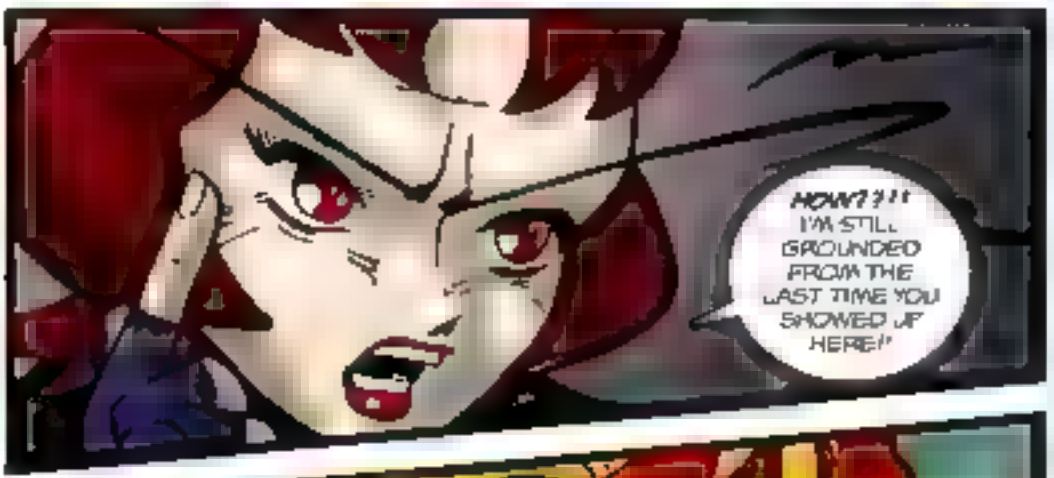
DO KEEP QUIET ABOUT THIS FOR NOW?

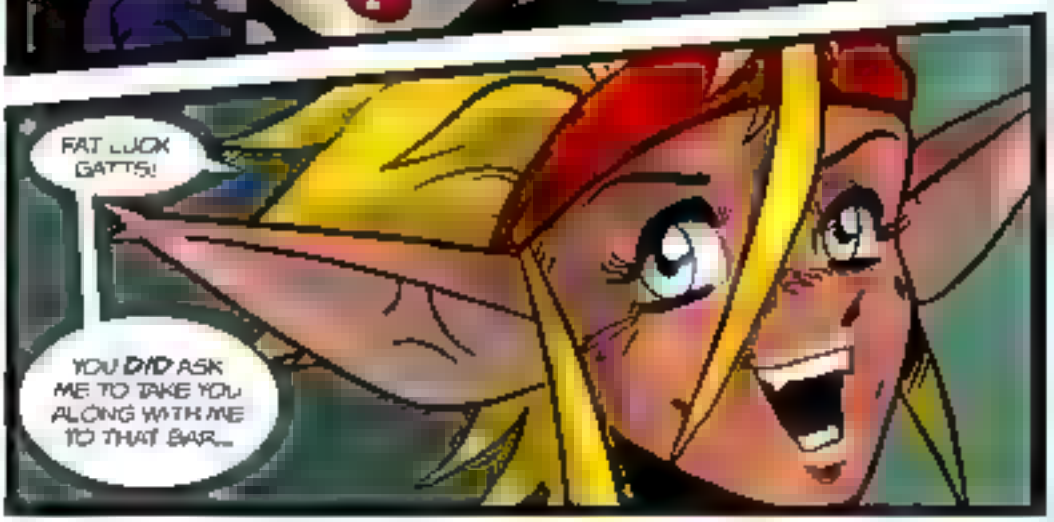
OR, DO I LET EVERYONE IN ON WHAT I KNOW NOW?
MAYBE SHOULD.

!!!?
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK HERE?

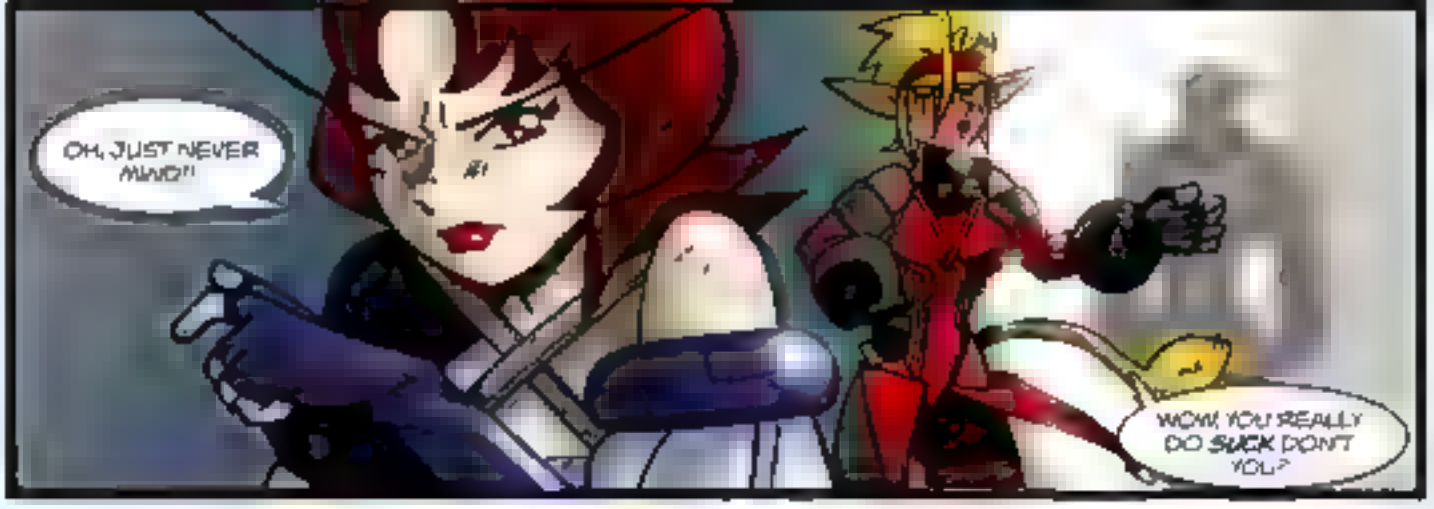

HEY! KIDDO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HIDING BACK HERE?
NOT SPYING ON FOLKS AGAIN ARE YOU?!?

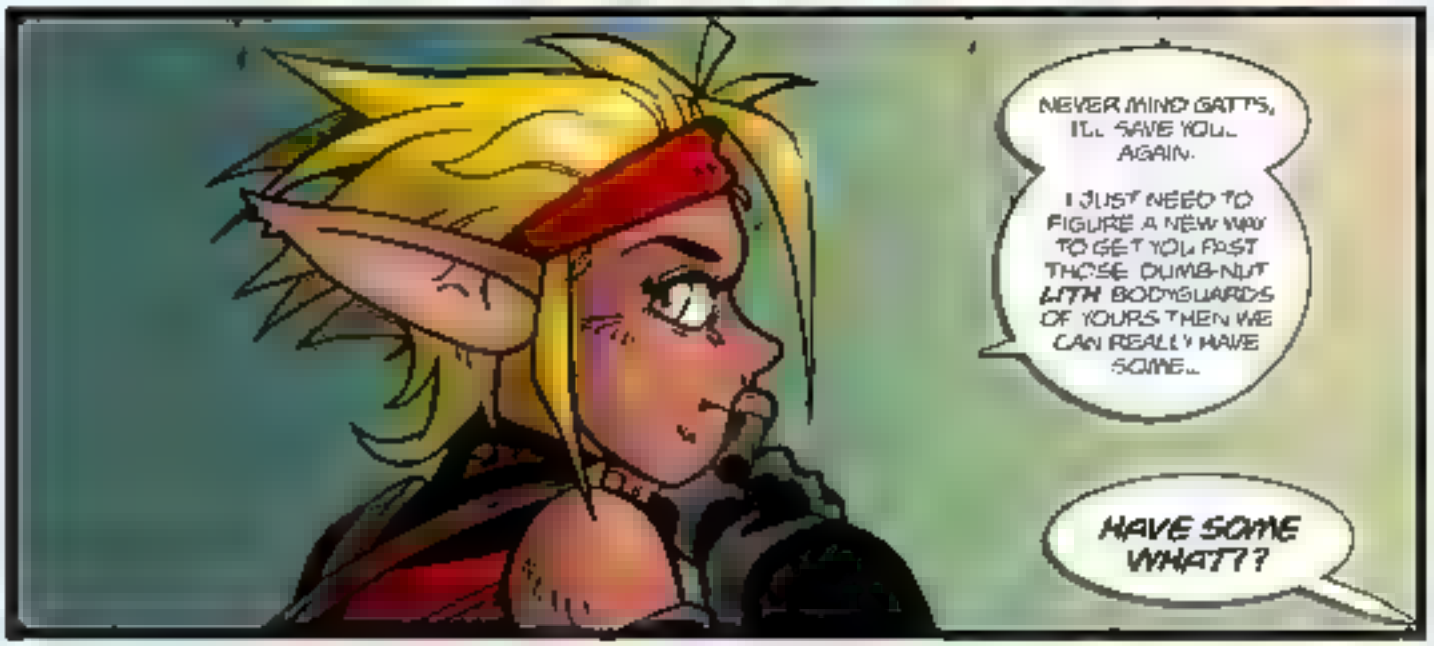
QUIET YOU!
YEAH, OK SURE.
BUT WAS THINKING WE COULD GO AND CHECK OUT THE CHANGING OF THE GUARDS. I'M PRETTY SURE THEY SHOWER ABOUT NOW.


HOW?!!! I'M STILL GROUNDED FROM THE LAST TIME YOU SHOWED UP HERE!!

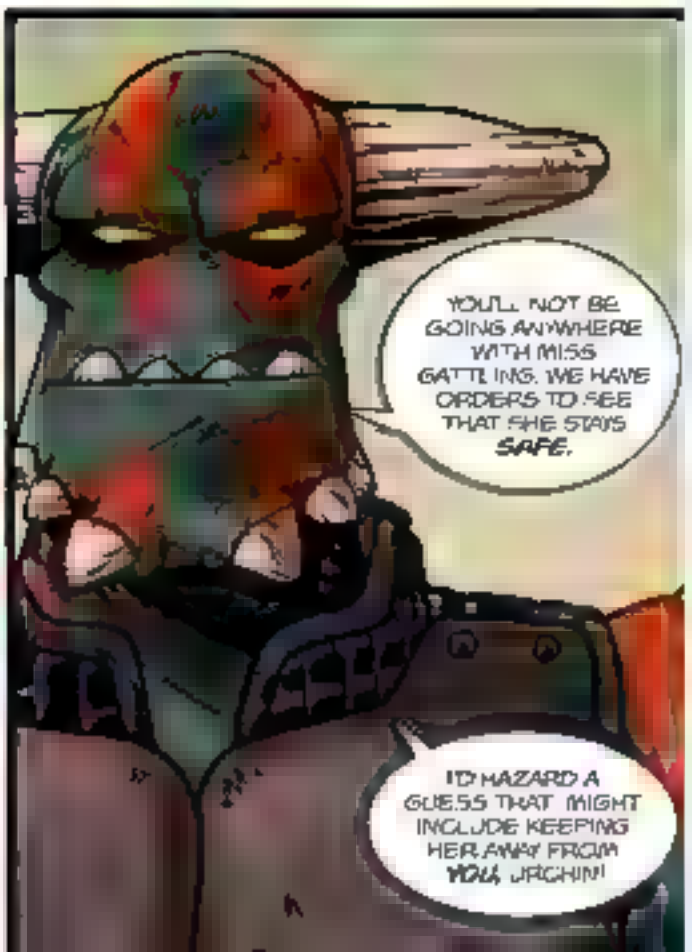

FAT LUCK GATTS!
YOU DID ASK ME TO TAKE YOU ALONG WITH ME TO THAT BAR...

BUT, BUT, BUT!!
YOU SURE DO LIKE YOUR MAN-PORN.
NO!!! I MEAN. NOT THAT... YOU KNOW... YOU SAID. THAT..


OH, JUST NEVER MIND!!
WOW, YOU REALLY DO SUCK DON'T YOU?


NEVER MIND GATTS, I'LL SAVE YOU... AGAIN.
I JUST NEED TO FIGURE A NEW WAY TO GET YOU FAST THOSE DUMB-NUT LITH BODYGUARDS OF YOURS THEN WE CAN REALLY HAVE SOME...
HAVE SOME WHAT??

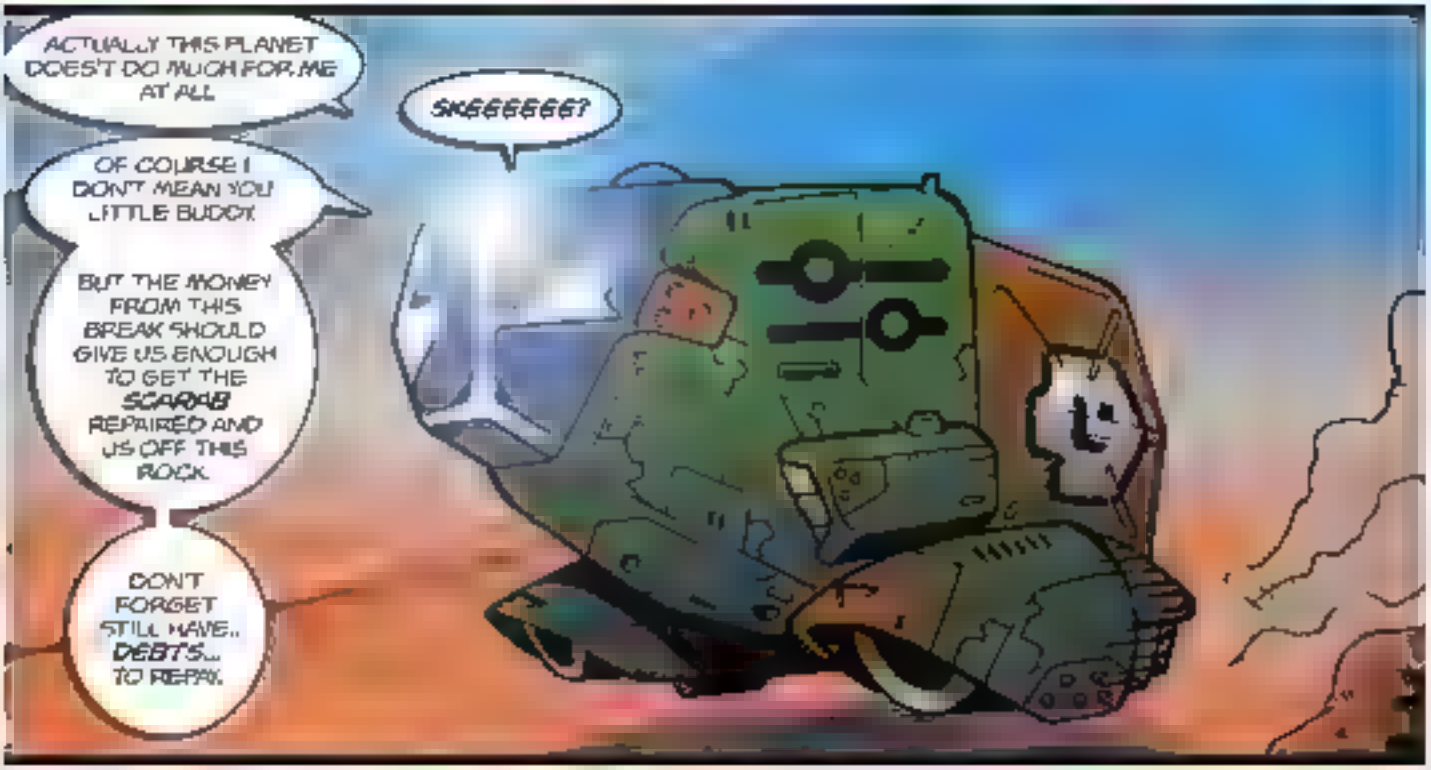
CRAP! UM HI THERE MR. L TH BODYGUARD TYPE BEING.
BELIEVE YOU FORGOT "DUMB-NUT" HALF-BREED.

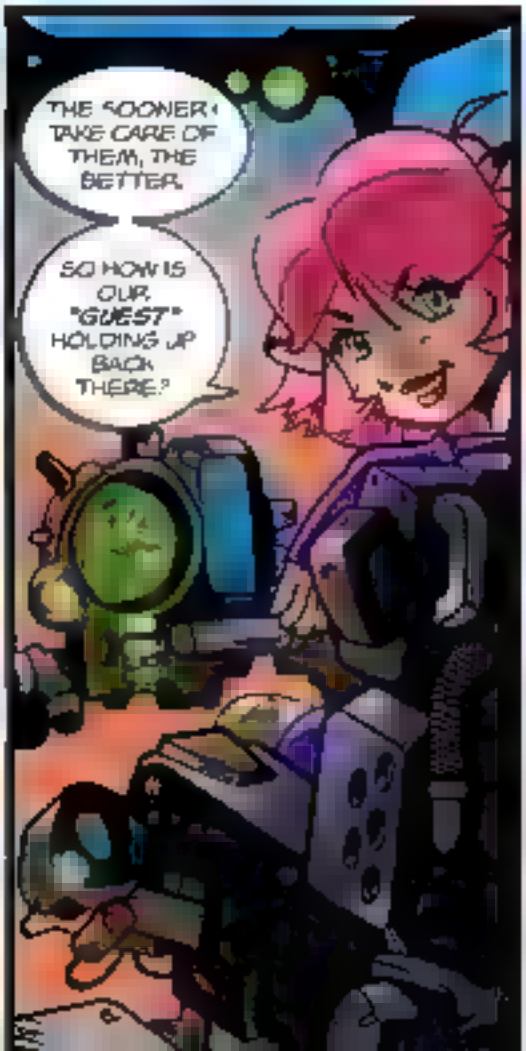

YOU'LL NOT BE GOING ANYWHERE WITH MISS GATTLING. WE HAVE ORDERS TO SEE THAT SHE STAYS SAFE.
I'D HAZARD A GUESS THAT MIGHT INCLUDE KEEPING HER AWAY FROM YOU, URCHIN!

HEY LOOK JIM. WE WERE JUST CHECKING OUT SOME... UH, BUSINESS. THINGS. OVER THERE.
AND WE SORTA GOT... THIS... STUFF TO DO.
SAVE IT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PRETEND TO BE LISTENING
HAVE A JOB TO DO AND YOU'RE STOPPING ME FROM DOING IT
THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME VERY HAPPY.
I WANT YOU OFF THIS SITE AND AWAY FROM THE GIRL
IF SO MUCH AS HEAR THAT YOUR AROUND I'LL HAVE YOUR ARSE UP IN FRONT OF THE AD-COR SO FAST THAT YOU WON'T BE SITTING FOR A MONTH
BUT...
OR WOULD YOU RATHER I HAVE YOUR BREAKER'S LICENSE REVOKED?
I'M SURE WE CAN FIND OTHER WAYS FOR YOU TO EARN A KEEP
STOP HARRASSING MY... FRIEND OR SHALL BE FORCED TO TAKE THE MATTER TO MY BROTHER DARVIS, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THIS CITY.
YOU MAY KNOW OF HIM.
YOU GO GATTS!!

FORGIVE ME MISS RIDDEEN BUT I AM WELL AWARE OF YOUR BROTHER AND HIS POSITION HERE.
AFTER ALL HE IS IN THE EMPLOY OF THE GREATER LITHORIAN EMPIRE.
YOU MUST REALIZE THAT AS A SOLDIER OF THE EMPIRE OUTRANK ANY CIVILIAN.
NOW GO BE A GOOD CHILD AND LET ME PROTECT YOU FROM YOURSELF
BUT, BUT...
GENERAL MOSRAH, SIR!
WHAT'S IT SON?
EXCUSE ME SIR URGENT NEWS FROM THE SOUTHERN PENINSULA
CONTINUE.
WE'VE RECIEVED WORD FROM WAYPOST BRAVO THAT A BREAKER HAS APPREHENDED THE WARLORD KNOWN AS KAGEMUSHA.
WHO MANAGED THAT FEAT?
THEY SAID IT WAS THAT FELION GIRL SIR. KIT BALLARD SHE SEEMS TO BE BUILDING UP QUITE A NAME FOR HERSELF.

THERE REALLY ISN'T ALL THAT MUCH TO SEE OUT THIS WAY, IS THERE?

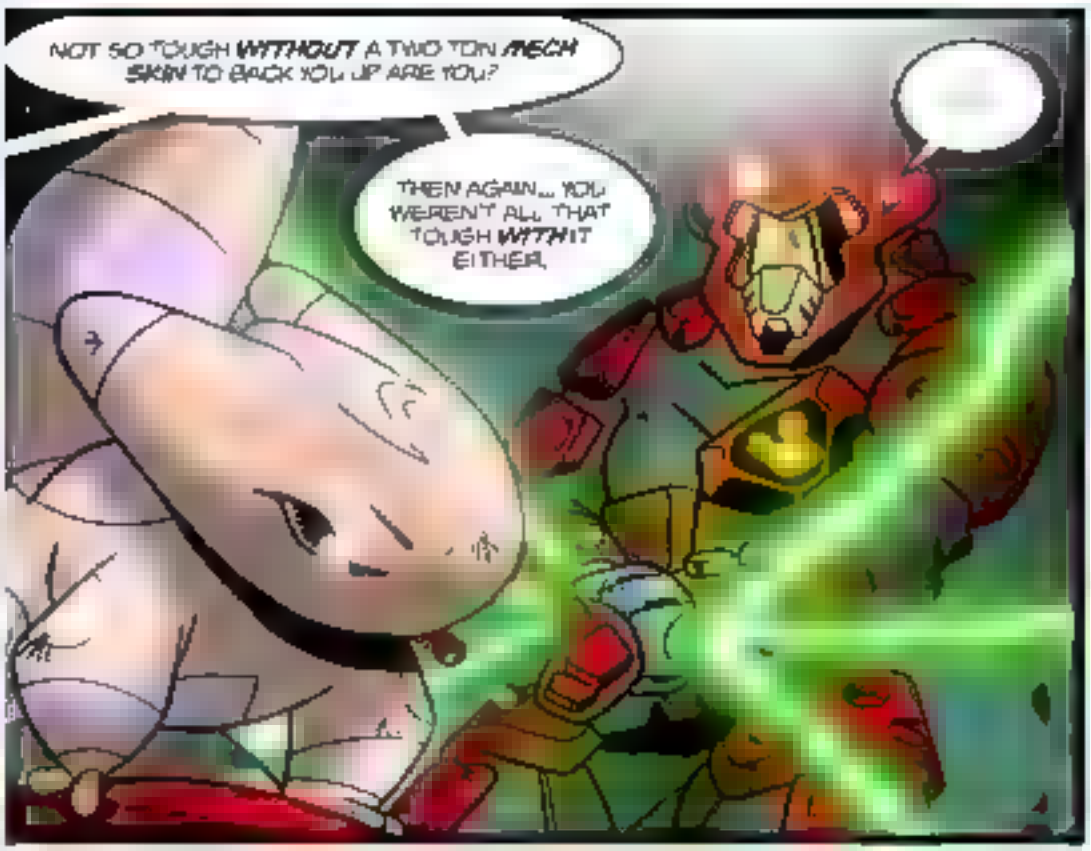

ACTUALLY THIS PLANET DOESN'T DO MUCH FOR ME AT ALL
SKEEEEEE?
OF COURSE I DON'T MEAN YOU LITTLE BUDDY.
BUT THE MONEY FROM THIS BREAK SHOULD GIVE US ENOUGH TO GET THE SCARAB REPAIRED AND US OFF THIS ROCK.
DON'T FORGET STILL HAVE.. DEBTS... TO REPAY.

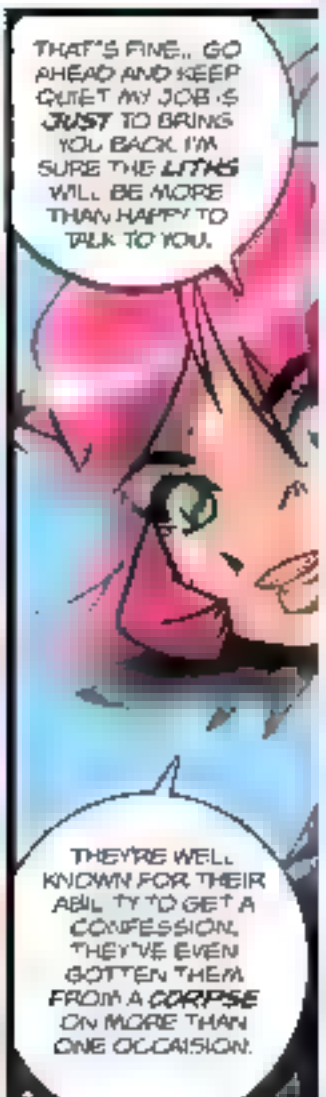

THE SOONER I TAKE CARE OF THEM, THE BETTER.
SO HOW IS OUR "GUEST" HOLDING UP BACK THERE?

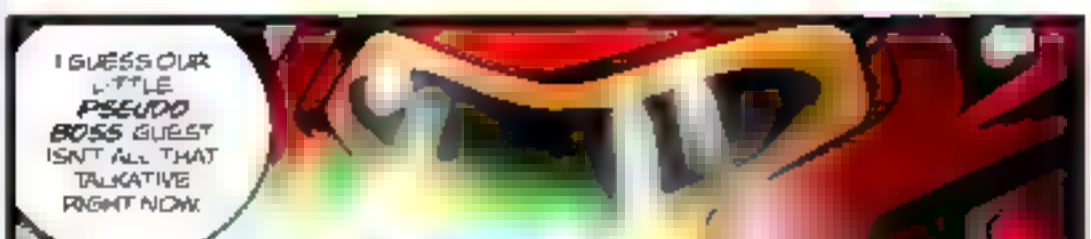
SKERRRRRRRRRR!!!

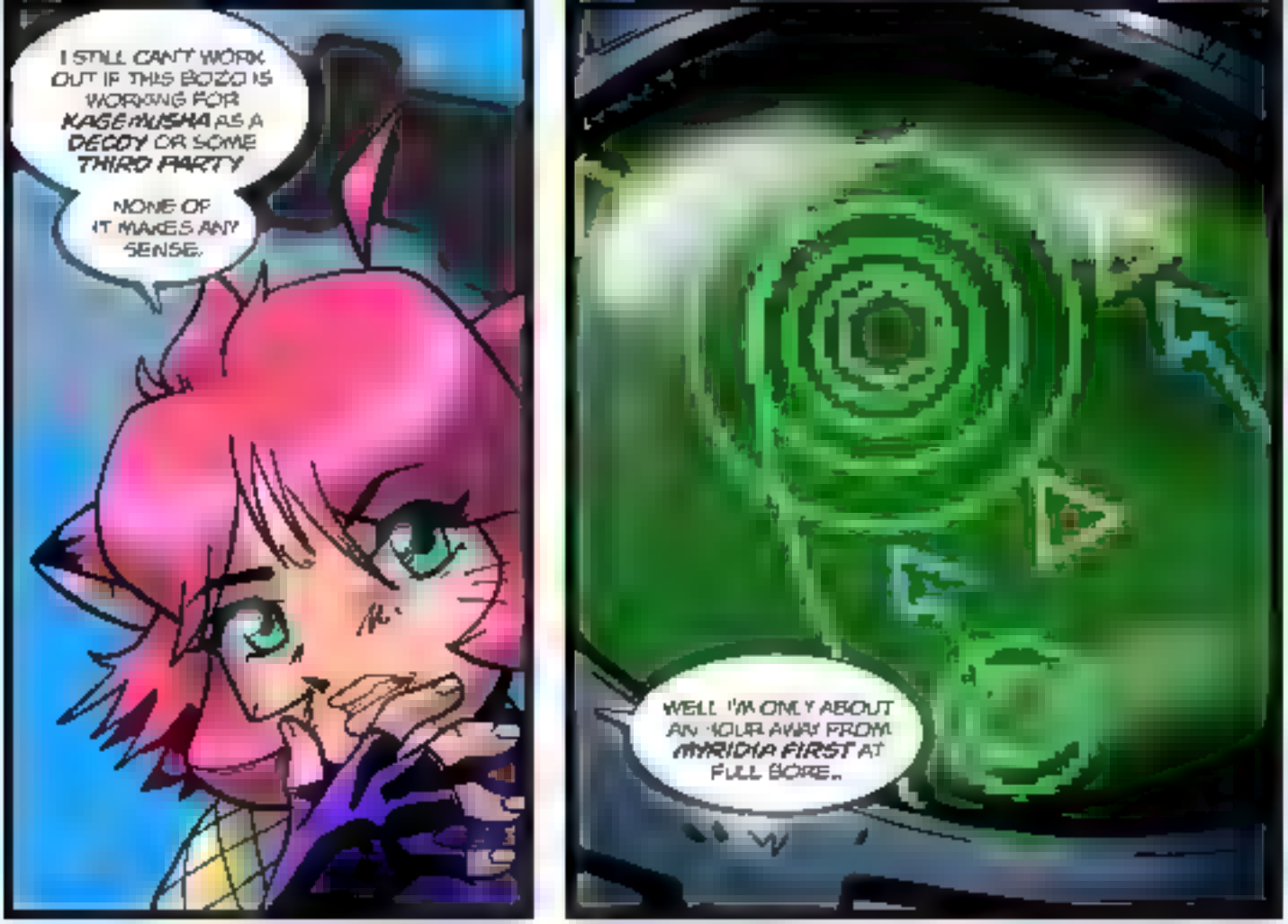
THAT'S IT SKIFFY, YOU KEEP AN EYE ON THAT MEAN OLD METAL MAN.
BUT REMEMBER WE NEED HIM BACK IN ONE PIECE
SO NO SNACKING BETWEEN MEALS.
DON'T WANT ANOTHER INCIDENT LIKE LAST TIME! GOT IT?

SO HORNY ROBOT GUY,, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO GET POPPED BY A 5 KILO PUPPY SKIRT!
LUCKY FOR ME, MY INFO WAS RIGHT ABOUT YOU.
LUCKY FOR YOU THAT THE REAL KAGEMUSHA DIDN'T GET TO YOU FIRST. YOU WOULDN'T HAVE STOOD A CHANCE AGAINST HIM IN THAT CAN.
I GUESS YOU OWE ME ONE

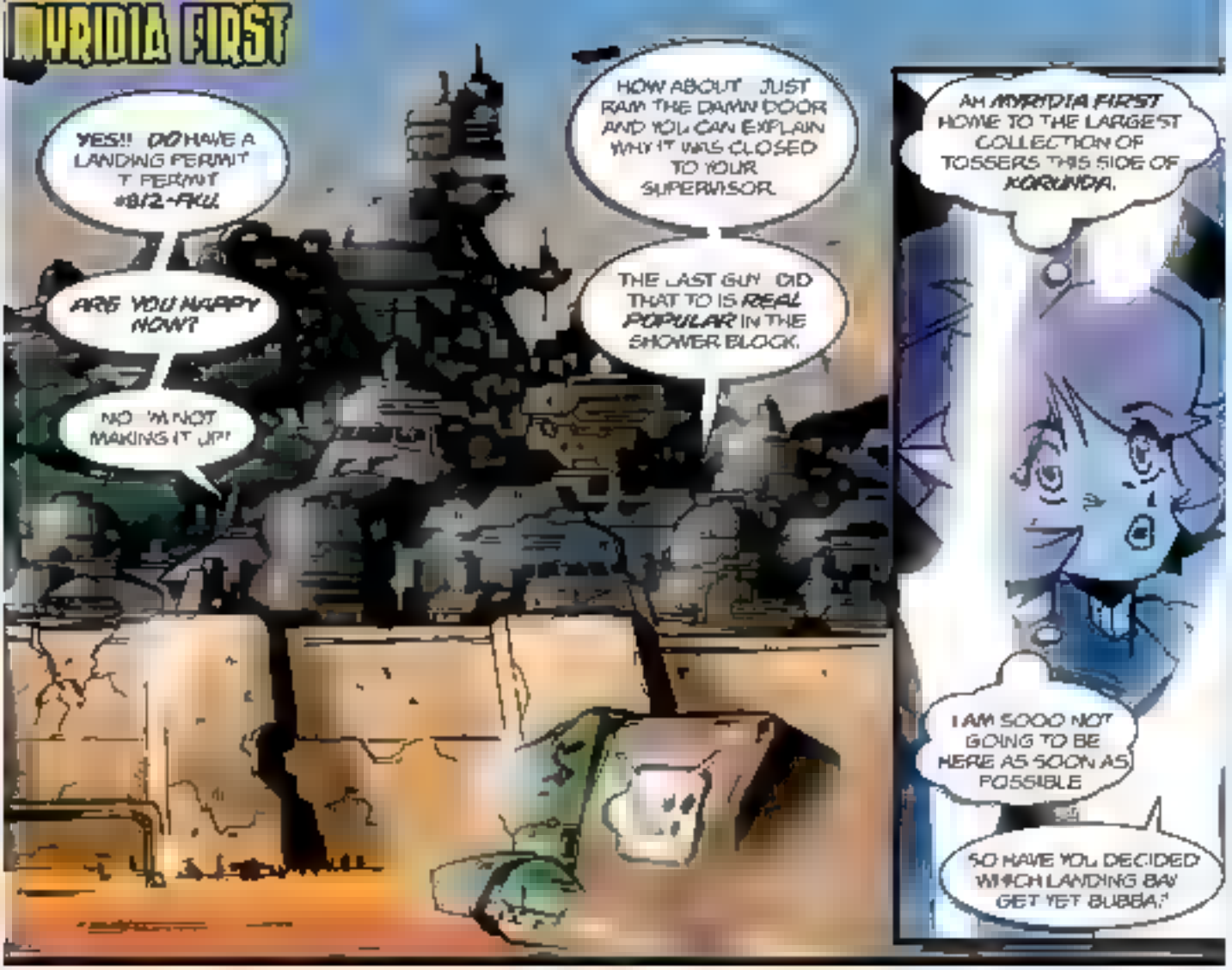

NOT SO TOUGH WITHOUT A TWO TON MECH SKIN TO BACK YOU UP ARE YOU?
THEN AGAIN... YOU WEREN'T ALL THAT TOUGH WITH IT EITHER.

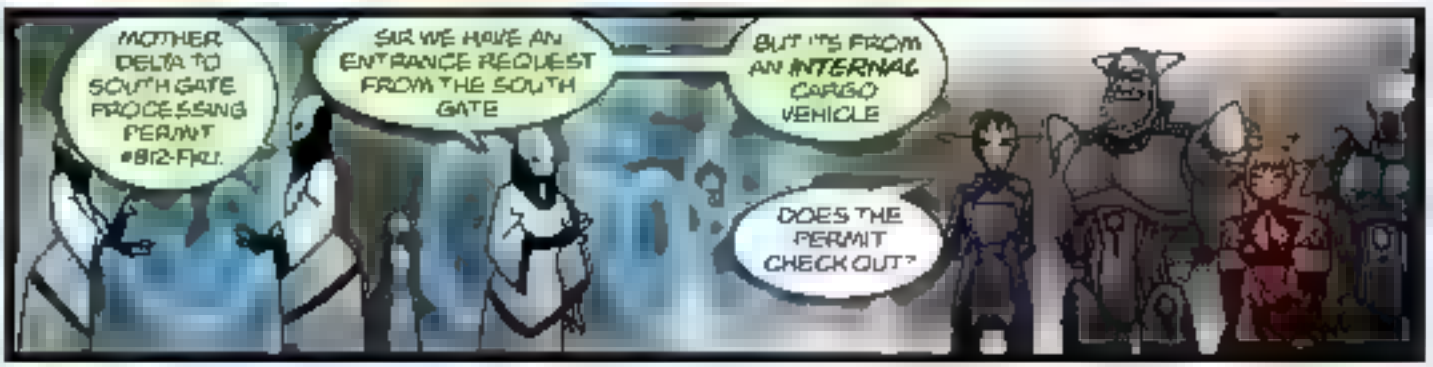

THAT'S FINE,, GO AHEAD AND KEEP QUIET MY JOB IS JUST TO BRING YOU BACK. I'M SURE THE LITKS WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO TALK TO YOU.
THEY'RE WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR ABILITY TO GET A CONFESSION. THEY'VE EVEN GOTTEN THEM FROM A CORPSE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION.


I GUESS OUR LITTLE PSEUDO BOSS GUEST ISN'T ALL THAT TALKATIVE RIGHT NOW.


I STILL CAN'T WORK OUT IF THIS BOZO IS WORKING FOR KAGEMUSHA AS A DECOY OR SOME THIRD PARTY
NONE OF IT MAKES ANY SENSE.
WELL I'M ONLY ABOUT AN HOUR AWAY FROM MYRIDIA FIRST AT FULL BORE..

MIGHT AS WELL HIT THERE BLOW THIS LOAD AND RETURN THIS RENTAL TRUCK
I SHOULD EVEN HAVE ENOUGH HEX LEFT OVER FOR A STEAK DINNER
HOLD ON SKIFFY MOMMY'S GOING SHOPPING!!
SKEEEEPPP!!!!


YES!! DO HAVE A LANDING PERMIT T PERMIT #812-FKU.
ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?
NO I'M NOT MAKING IT UP!
HOW ABOUT JUST RAM THE DAMN DOOR AND YOU CAN EXPLAIN WHY IT WAS CLOSED TO YOUR SUPERVISOR.
THE LAST GUY DID THAT TO IS REAL POPULAR IN THE SHOWER BLOCK.
AH MYRIDIA FIRST HOME TO THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF TOSSERS THIS SIDE OF KORUNDA.
I AM SOOO NOT GOING TO BE HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
SO HAVE YOU DECIDED WHICH LANDING BAY GET YET BUBBA?


MOTHER DELTA TO SOUTH GATE PROCESSING PERMIT #812-FKU.
SIR WE HAVE AN ENTRANCE REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH GATE
BUT IT'S FROM AN INTERNAL CARGO VEHICLE
DOES THE PERMIT CHECK OUT?

IT IS A LITTLE OLD BUT STILL VALID.

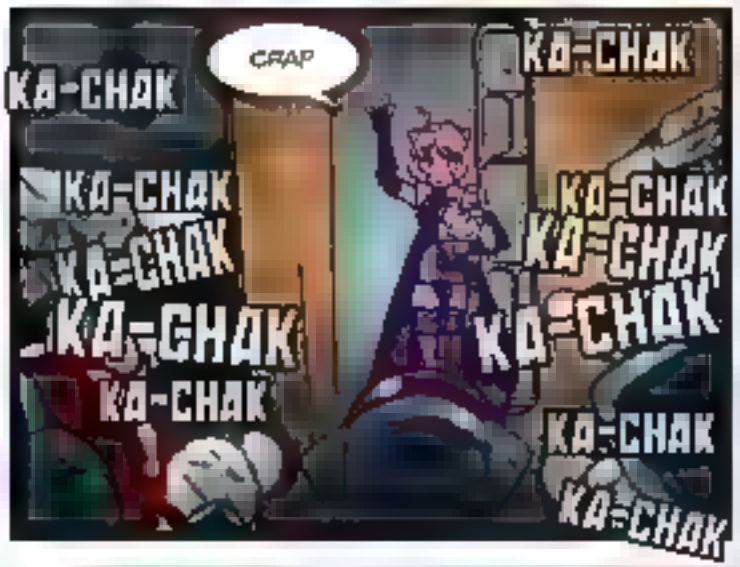
LET THEM IN BUT KEEP AN EYE ON THEM HAH! T MAY WELL EVEN BE OUR GREAT BOUNTY HUNTER, HEH!

WHAT KIND OF A BREAKER GOES AROUND DRIVING AN OLD RENTAL TRUCK?
THIS SHOULD BE GOOD TO SEE

LOOK! SHE'S WAVING BACK AT ME! SHE'S WAVING
YEAH ACE I'M SURE SHE WANTS YOU BAD

I CAN ALMOST TASTE THAT STEAK
KICK
KICK
OPEN UP YOU STUPID!!
KA-CHAK

THERE WE GO BUDDY, JUST DON'T EXPECT THERE TO BE SOME SORT OF BIG THANK YOU PARTY
SEE


CRAP
KA-CHAK
KA-CHAK
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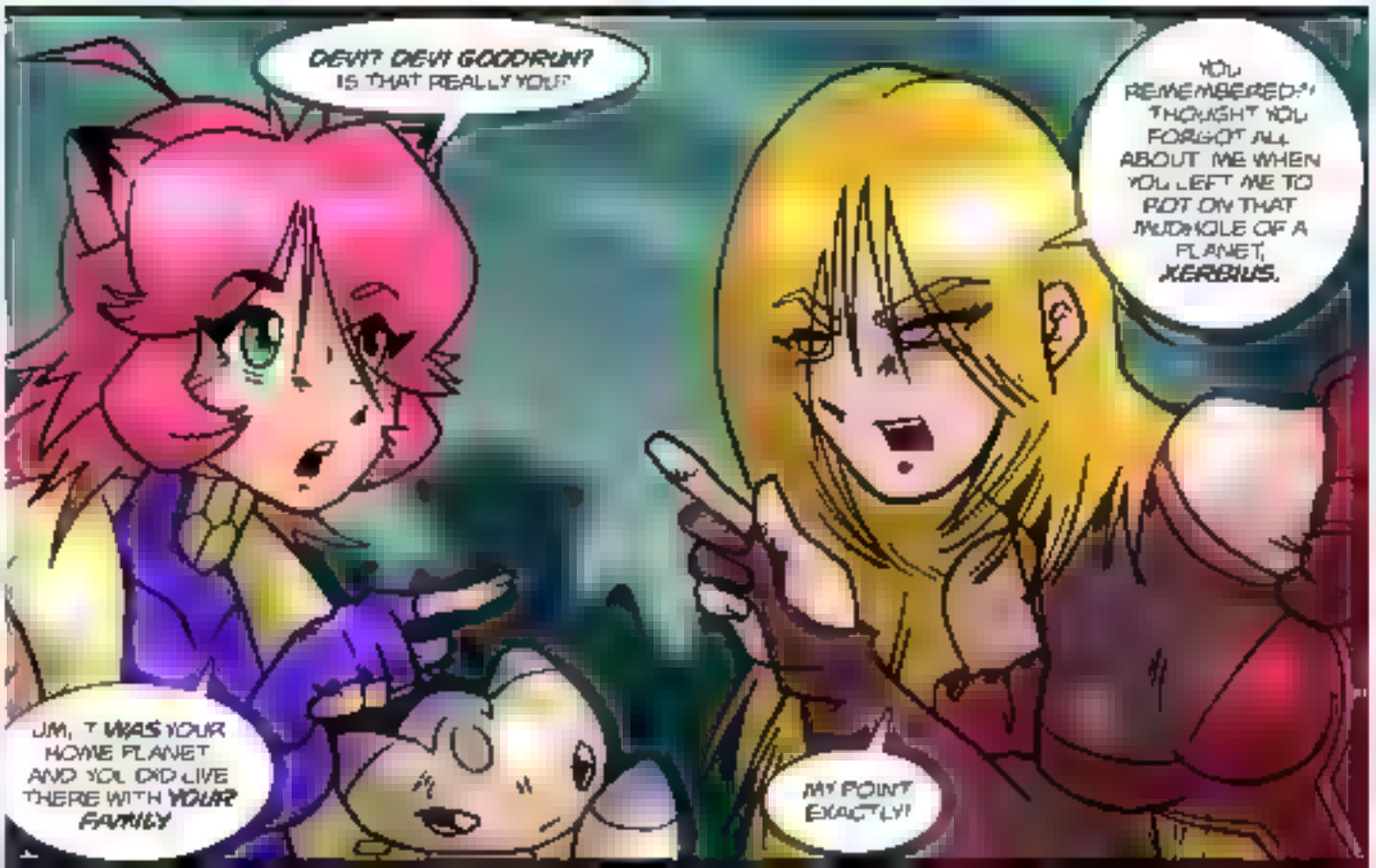
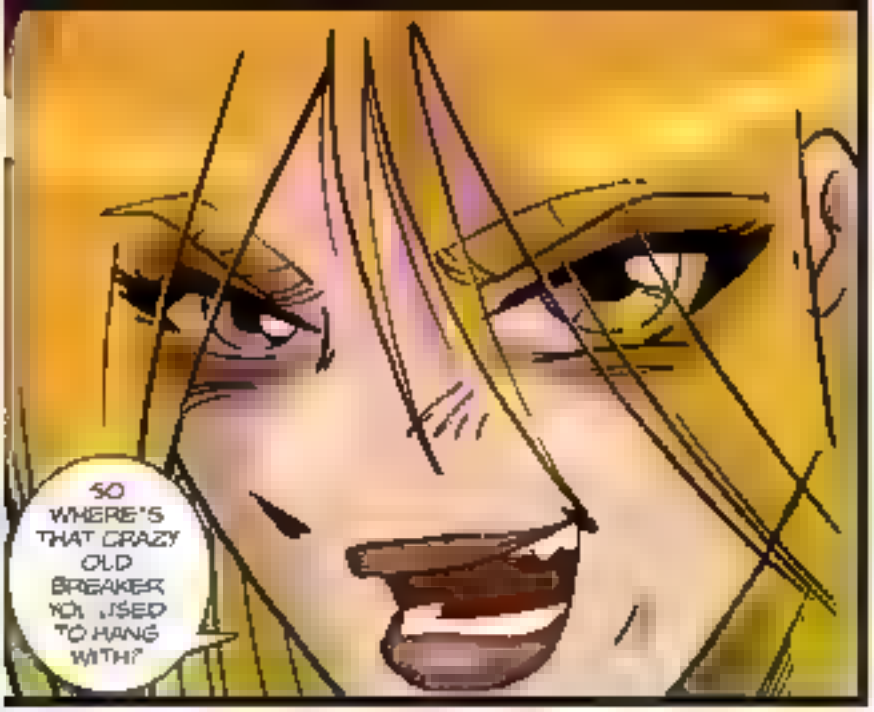
UM, YEAH.. HI! THIS ISN'T ABOUT WHERE I PARKED THE VAN, IS IT?
QUIET YOU!
WE HAVE THE WARLORD IN OUR CUSTODY. CODE: OYSTER I REPEAT CODE: OYSTER.
WHY ISN'T ANYONE EVER PLEASED TO SEE ME?
STOP! STOP!

HOLD EVERYTHING!!

WELL WELL WELL.
IF IT ISN'T MY OLD FRIEND KIT BALLARD I DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN YOU IN AT LEAST 8 YEARS.

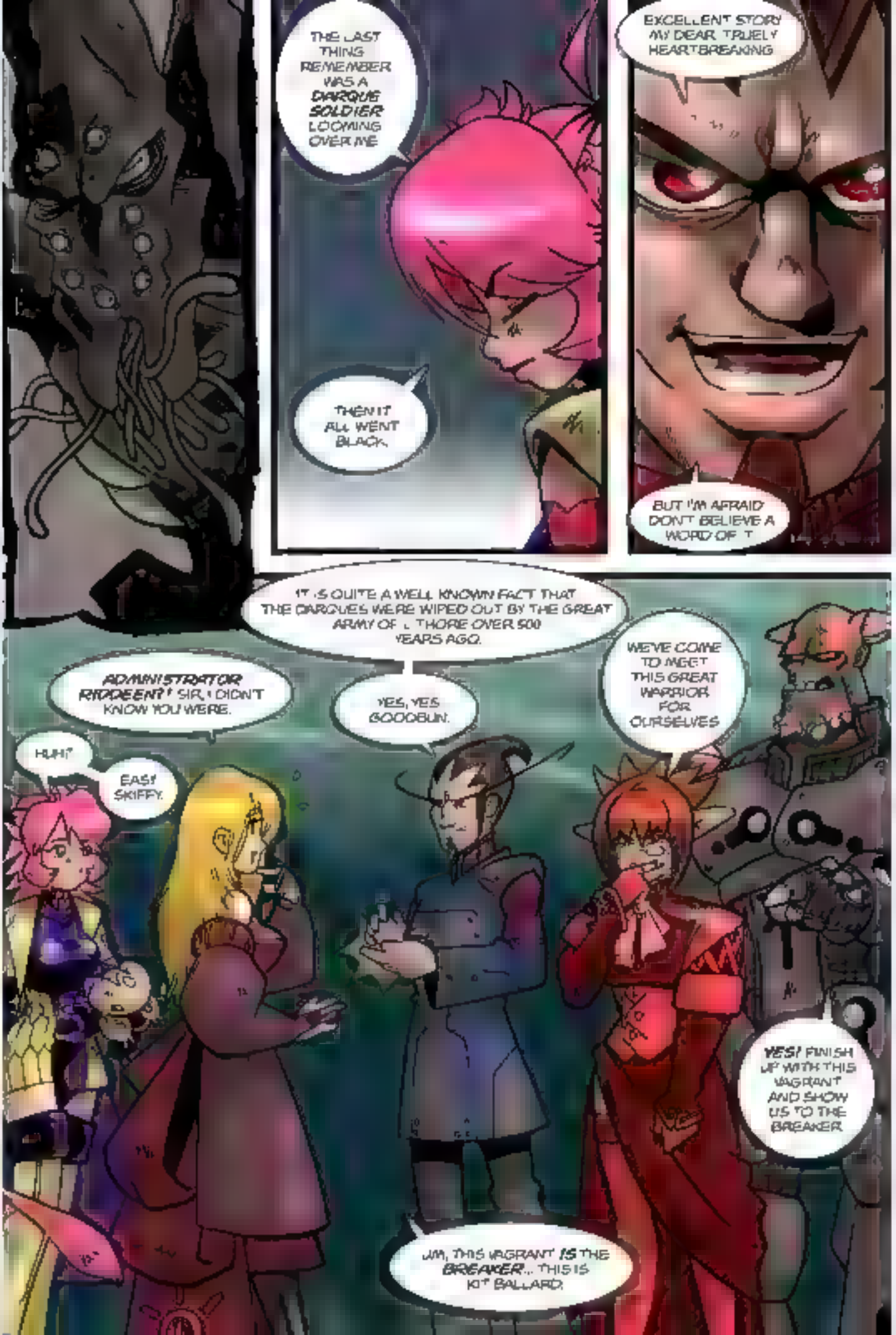
CAN'T YOU MORONS TELL THAT SHE'S NOT KAGEMUSHA?
IDIOTS...

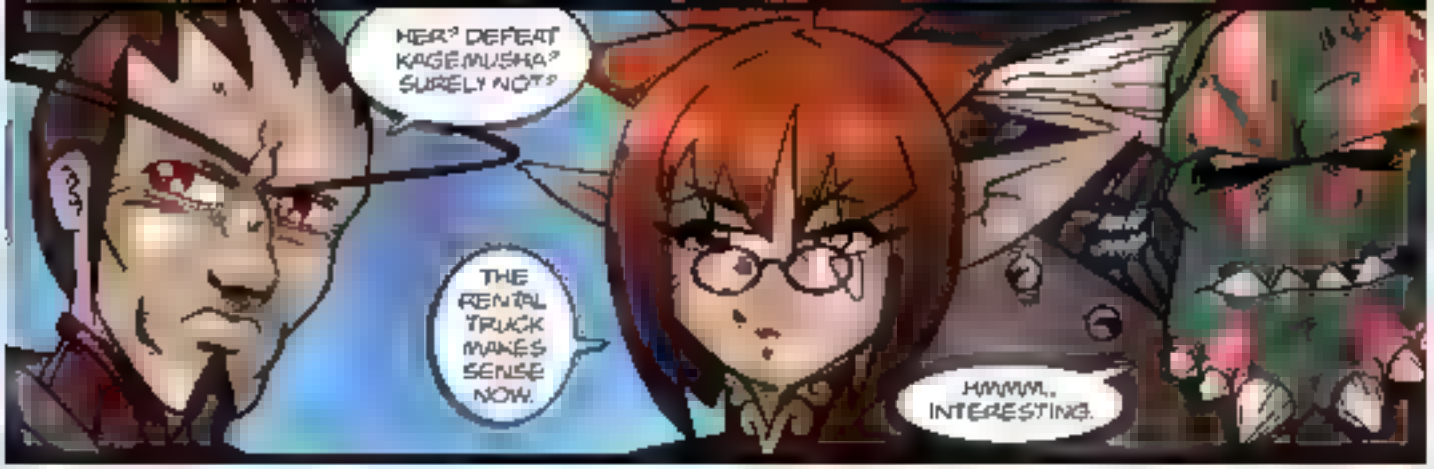

DEVI? DEVI! GOODRUN? IS THAT REALLY YOU?
YOU REMEMBERED?! I THOUGHT YOU FORGOT ALL ABOUT ME WHEN YOU LEFT ME TO ROT ON THAT MUDHOLE OF A PLANET, XERBIUS.
UM, IT WAS YOUR HOME PLANET AND YOU DID LIVE THERE WITH YOUR FAMILY
MY POINT EXACTLY!


SO WHERE'S THAT CRAZY OLD BREAKER YOU USED TO HANG WITH?

HE'S DEAD.

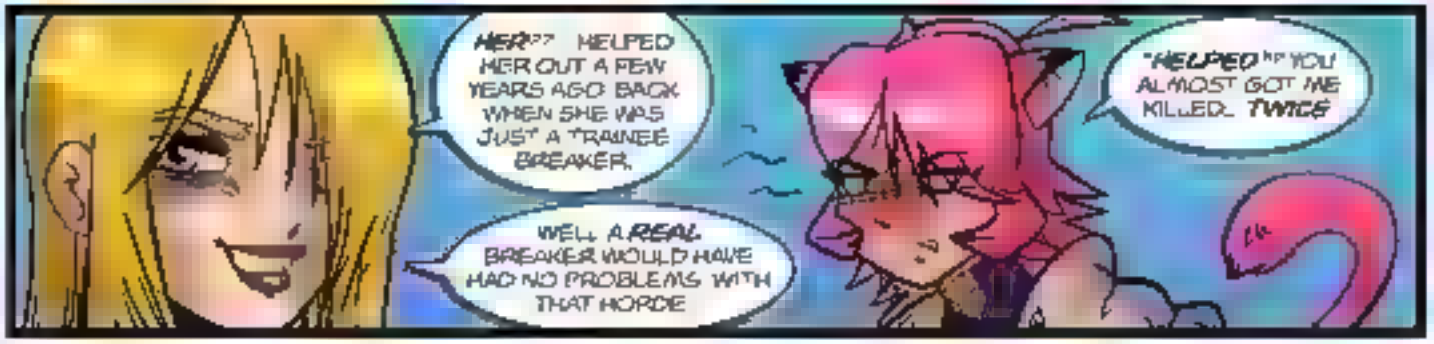
YEAH... IT HAPPENED 3 YEARS AGO. WE WERE OUT NEAR YULA AZALAH TRACKING DOWN A BREAK. TURNS OUT IT WAS ALL A TRAP TO TAKE OUT THE CAPTAIN.
IT WASN'T PRETTY.
WE MANAGED TO HOLD THEM OFF FOR A WHILE, BUT EVENTUALLY THEIR SHEER NUMBERS OVERWHELMED US.
THAT'S WHEN THE CAP LOST HIS ARM.
I THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY MUCH ALL OVER AT THAT POINT.

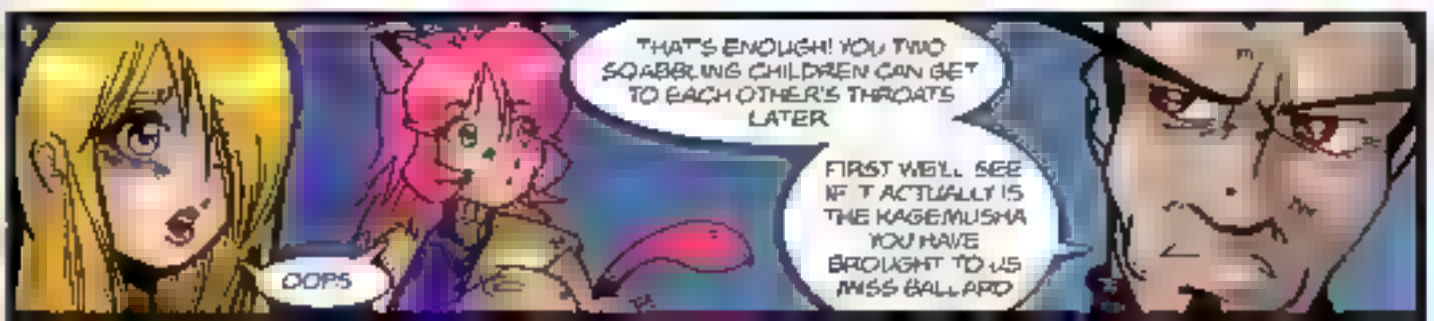

THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS A DARQUE SOLDIER LOOMING OVER ME
THEN IT ALL WENT BLACK.
EXCELLENT STORY MY DEAR TRULY HEARTBREAKING
BUT I'M AFRAID I DON'T BELIEVE A WORD OF IT
IT IS QUITE A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT THE DARQUES WERE WIPED OUT BY THE GREAT ARMY OF LITHORE OVER 500 YEARS AGO.
ADMINISTRATOR RIDDEEN? SIR, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE.
YES, YES GOODBUN.
WE'VE COME TO MEET THIS GREAT WARRIOR FOR OURSELVES
HUH?
EASY SKIFFY.
YES! FINISH UP WITH THIS VAGRANT AND SHOW US TO THE BREAKER
HM, THIS VAGRANT IS THE BREAKER... THIS IS KIT BALLARD.


HER? DEFEAT KAGEMUSHA? SURELY NOT?
THE RENTAL TRUCK MAKES SENSE NOW.
HMMM.. INTERESTING.

OKAY PEOPLE LISTEN UP
FIRST. YES, I AM A REAL BREAKER REGISTRATION #KS59558-BAL
SECOND. JUST BROUGHT IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST BREAKS IN YEARS HOW ABOUT SHOWING THIS GIRL A LITTLE MORE RESPECT
RIGHT SKIFFY?
THIRD. WHERE THE HELL DO I GO TO GET A STEAK AROUND HERE?
SKEEEE!

WELL SHE CERTAINLY HAS THE ATTITUDE OF A BREAKER.
PAPA, DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE WE'VE MISJUDGED THIS GIRL?
IT SEEMS A LITTLE UNLIKELY SIR
GOODBUM, HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?


HER?? HELPED HER OUT A FEW YEARS AGO BACK WHEN SHE WAS JUST A TRAINEE BREAKER.
WELL A REAL BREAKER WOULD HAVE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THAT HORDE
"HELPED" HE? YOU ALMOST GOT ME KILLED. TWICE

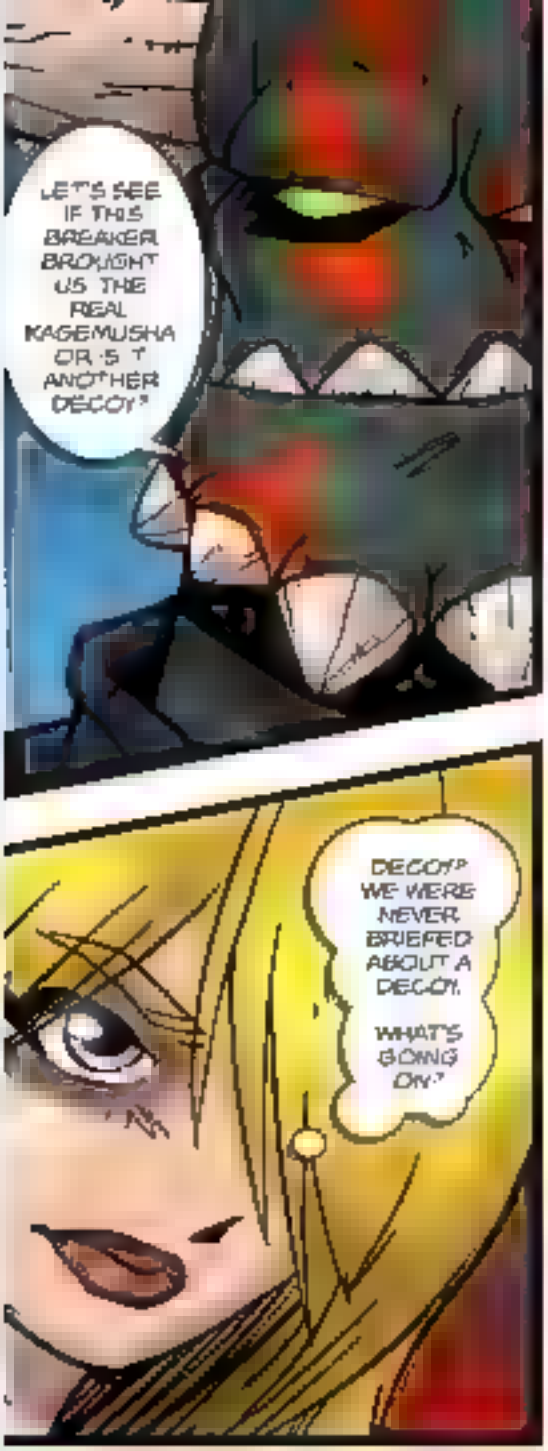

THAT'S ENOUGH! YOU TWO SQUABBLING CHILDREN CAN GET TO EACH OTHER'S THROATS LATER
FIRST WE'LL SEE IF IT ACTUALLY IS THE KAGEMUSHA YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO US MISS BALLARD
OOPS

SIR! SCANS INDICATE THAT THIS MECH WAS INVOLVED IN THE ORVUN INCIDENT..
BUT I'M NOT 100% SURE THAT T'IS THE KAGE/MUSHA SKIN WE'RE LOOKING FOR.
NOT KAGE/MUSHA!?
WHAT ABOUT THE PILOT IS HE ALIVE?
CHECKING NOW SIR.
OF COURSE THEY ARE! AM A PROFESSIONAL BREAKER !!

*WAPEEK WAPEEK
YES. WHAT?
PANE...
I'LL BE THERE PRESENTLY.

I ALWAYS HAVE BEEN.

PANYA. COME. WE ARE NEEDED IN ADMIN URGENTLY.
GENERAL. YOU'RE IN CHARGE NOW.

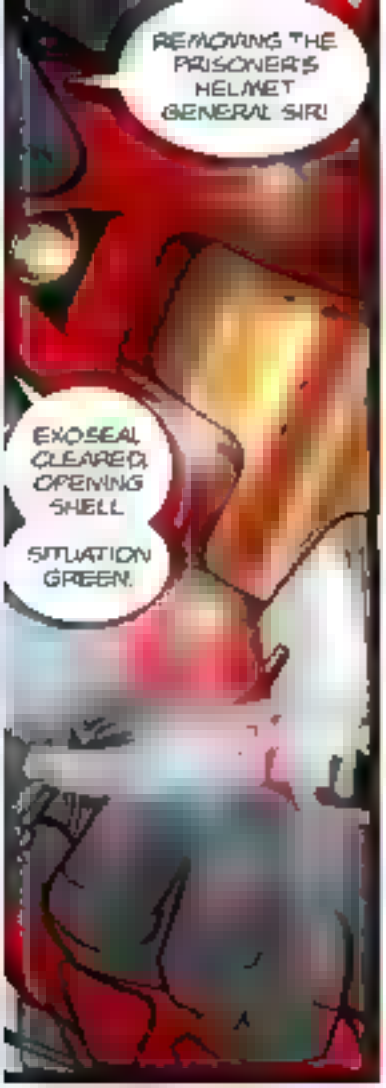

LET'S SEE IF THIS BREAKER BROUGHT US THE REAL KAGEMUSHA OR S T ANOTHER DECOY!

DECOY? WE WERE NEVER BRIEFED ABOUT A DECOY. WHAT'S GOING ON?

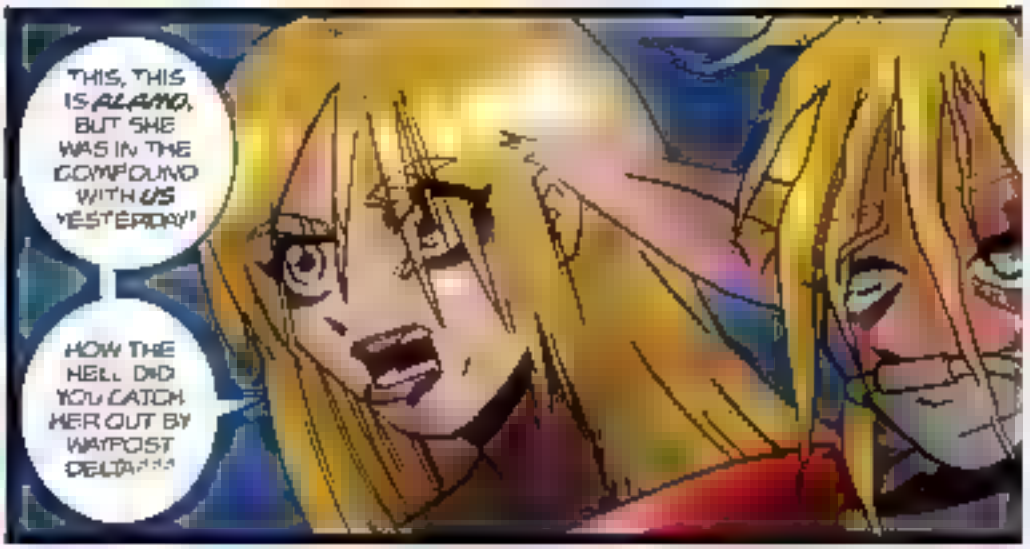
NOT A PARTICULARLY IMPOSING WARLORD.
REMOVE THE ARMOR.

...!

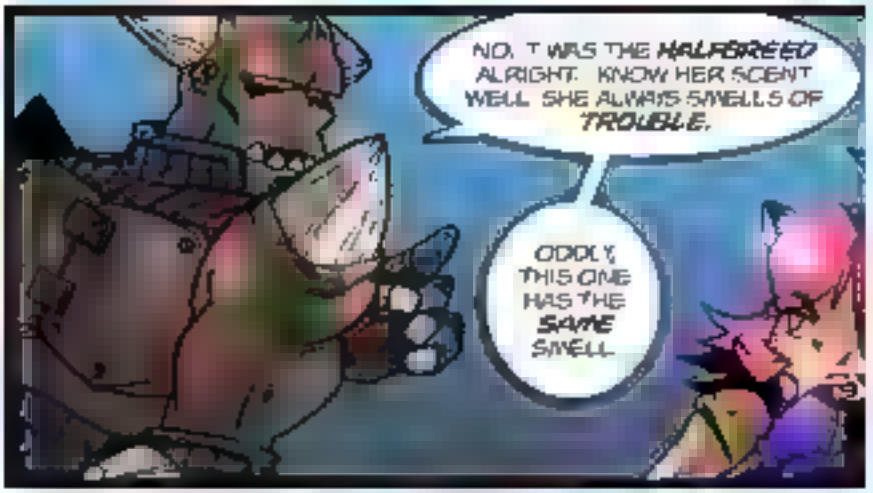
NO SKIFFY DON'T GET WHAT THE BIG DEAL S EITHER.
DON'T THINK THEY'VE TOLD US EVERYTHING.
SKA?


REMOVING THE PRISONER'S HELMET GENERAL SIR!
EXOSEAL CLEARED, OPENING SHELL
SITUATION GREEN.

OMG- THAT CAN'T BE. NOT THEM, IT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE.
SKU?
THINK WE ARE BEING PLAYED FOR FOOLS.
AHHH! THIS DOESN'T USUALLY HAPPEN


THIS, THIS IS ALAMO, BUT SHE WAS IN THE COMPOUND WITH US YESTERDAY!
HOW THE HELL DID YOU CATCH HER OUT BY WAYPOST DELTA???

WELL SHE'S BEEN WITH ME THE LAST FOUR HOURS AND I'VE BEEN TRACKING HER FOR DAYS!
THERE'S NO WAY POSSIBLE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME PERSON.
NOT ALAMO ANYWAY.


NO. T WAS THE HALFBREED ALRIGHT. KNOW HER SCENT WELL SHE ALWAYS SMELLS OF TROUBLE.
ODDLY, THIS ONE HAS THE SAME SMELL

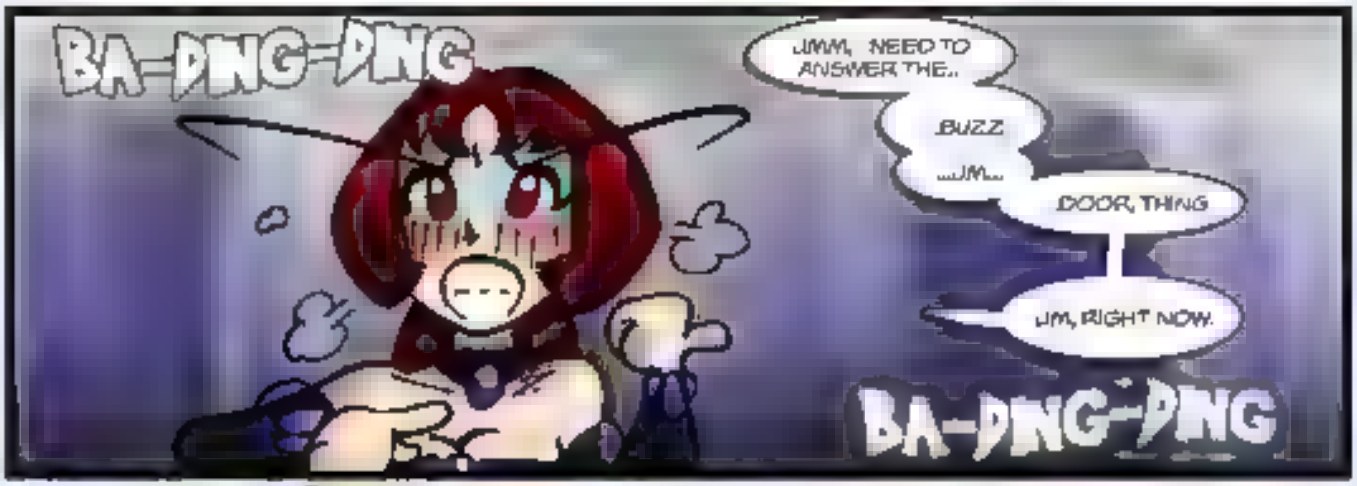
WE NEED TO GET HER DOWN TO THE LAB FAST, SHE'S GOT SOMETHING GROWING ON HER
SHE'S STARTING TO FADE
WHATEVER THAT THIS S, WE NEED TO GET RID OF IT BEFORE T KILLS HER!

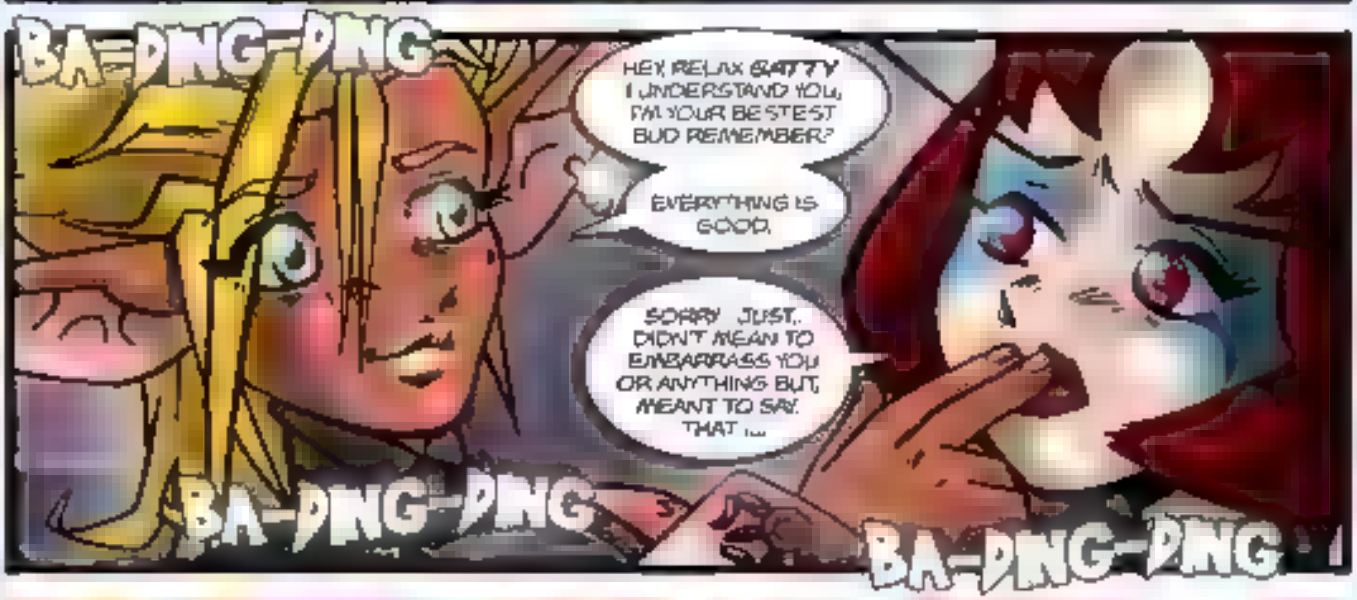
WELL SKUFFY THAT STEAK WILL HAVE TO WAIT A WHILE WE NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH THIS OTHER ALAMO.
SKU?

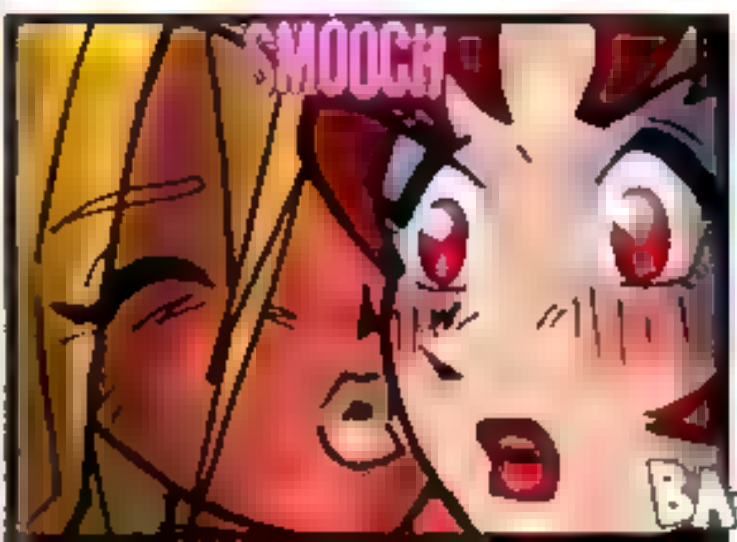
ELSEWHERE...
WOW!
I DON'T KNOW GATTS, I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF PINK AS MY COLOR BEFORE.
COULD JUST GO IN MY NORMAL GEAR, I MEAN I DON'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE SOME FLASHY OLD GORD-MAMMA.
DON'T BE SILLY ALAMO, THINK YOU LOOK "LIMMY"
GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT!

I DO DECLARE MISS RIDDEEN, ARE YOU PROPOSITIONING ME?
..UH..

BA-DNG-DNG


BA-DNG-DNG
UMM, NEED TO ANSWER THE..
BUZZ
...UM...
DOOR, THING
UM, RIGHT NOW.
BA-DNG-DNG

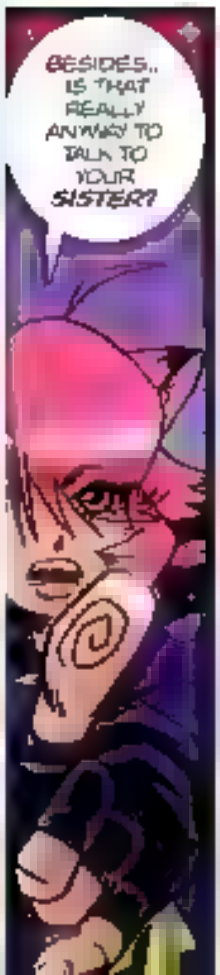

BA-DNG-DNG
HEY, RELAX KATTY I UNDERSTAND YOU, I'M YOUR BESTEST BUD REMEMBER?
EVERYTHING IS GOOD.
SORRY JUST.. DIDN'T MEAN TO EMBARRASS YOU OR ANYTHING BUT, MEANT TO SAY. THAT ...
BA-DNG-DNG
BA-DNG-DNG

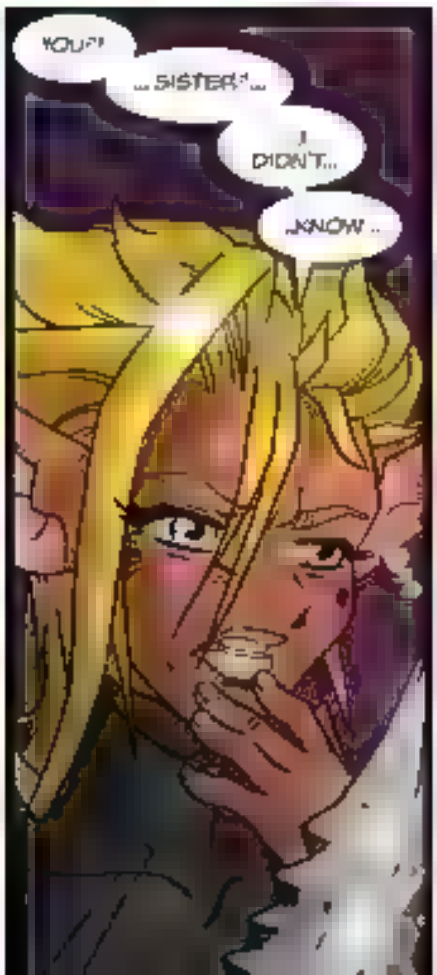

SMOOCH

THERE
COOL
BA-DNG-DNG

WOW! YOU'RE TOO AWESOME
WE REALLY NEED TO TALK SOME MORE
JUST LET ME GET RID OF WHOEVER IT IS AT THE DOOR
BA-DING-DING
OK, SO WHAT'S THE BIG EMERGENCY?
WHO THE?
TAKE IT YOU ARE GATTLING RIDDEEN! YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP ME FIND A "FRIEND" OF MINE
AVERAGE HEIGHT, GOLD HAIR AND OVER TANNED!
SHE GOES BY THE NAME OF ALAMO
SEEN HER LATELY?
ALAMO? NO HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN A FEW HOURS.
UM, SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO SHOW UP HERE A LITTLE WHILE AGO BUT THERE'S BEEN NO SIGN OF HER
IF YOU LIKE CAN GET HER TO CALL YOU OR SOMETHING WHEN SHE SHOWS UP
SURE AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT LYING TO ME MY FRIEND IS IN BIG TROUBLE.
THAT'S IT GATTS KEEP THEM BUSY.
STAY BACK GATTY
DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE FRIEND BUT YOU'RE THE ONE IN TROUBLE
GEE, I GUESS MAYBE YOU WERE LYING TO ME.
FALTERDAN!

LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHO THE HELL YOU ARE BUT IF YOU DON'T GET OUT OF HERE IN *10 SECONDS*.
I'M GOING TO BE FINDING OUT WHICH PART OF YOU *BLEEDS* THE FASTEST
PUT IT AWAY BLONDIE. WELL YOU'LL JUST HURT YOURSELF
ALAMO? LOOK AT YOU YOU'VE CHANGED!

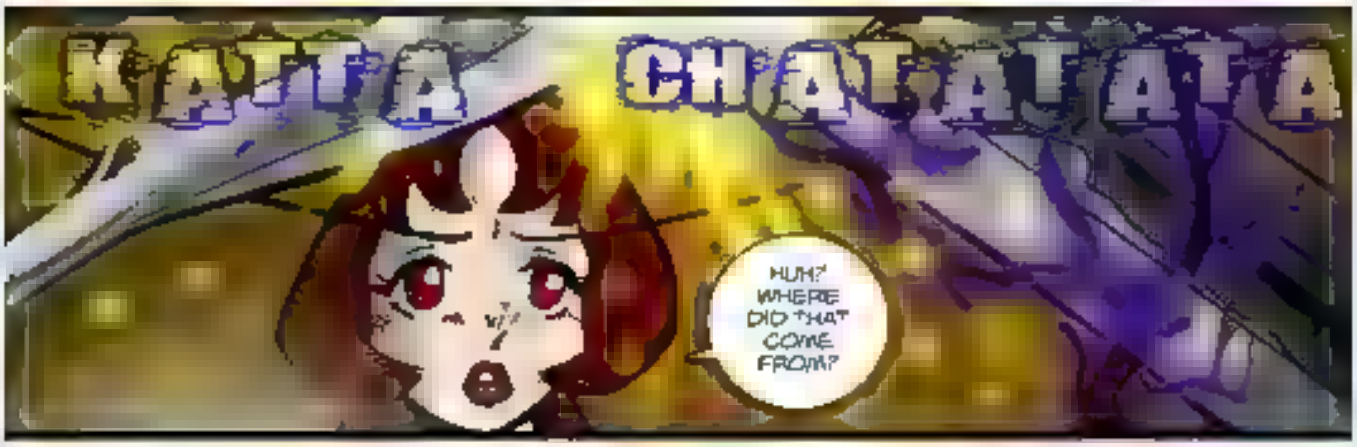

BESIDES.. IS THAT REALLY ANYWAY TO TALK TO YOUR *SISTER?*


YOU?!
...SISTER?...
I DIDN'T...
...KNOW..

IS WHAT SHE'S SAYING TRUE *MO?*
DON'T KNOW.

OF COURSE SHE'S NOT
AND THE *REAL ALAMO* KNOWS IT
SHE'S DOWN IN THE INFIRMARY WITH SOMETHING *GROWING* ON HER.

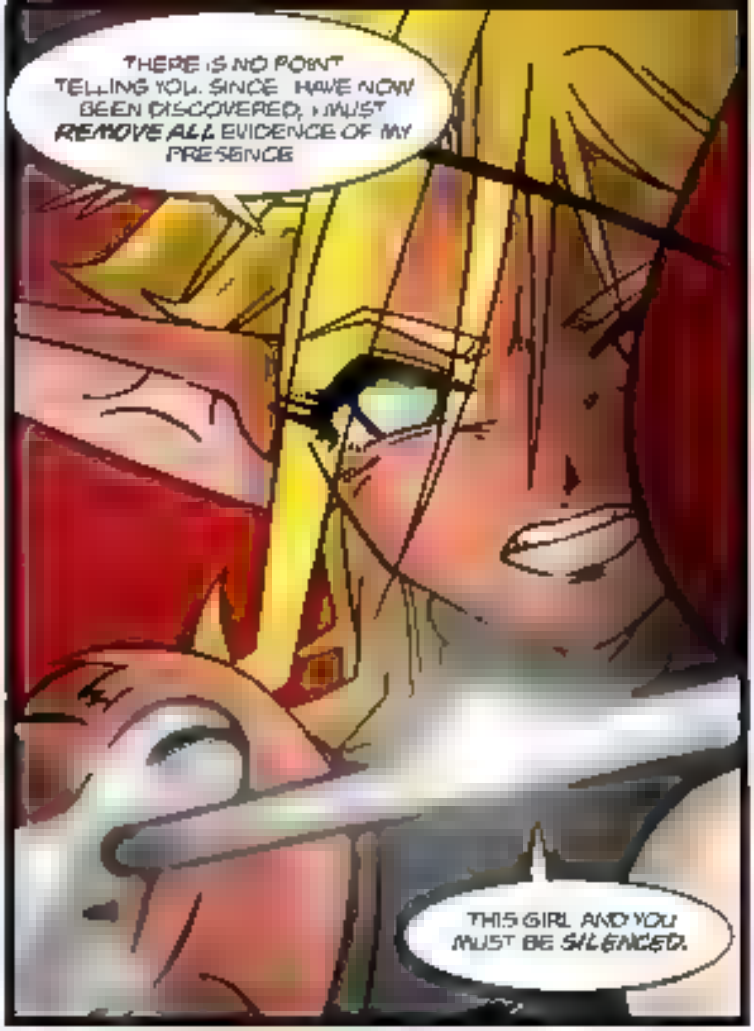
YOU WANT TO TALK? I'LL GIVE YOU TALK!

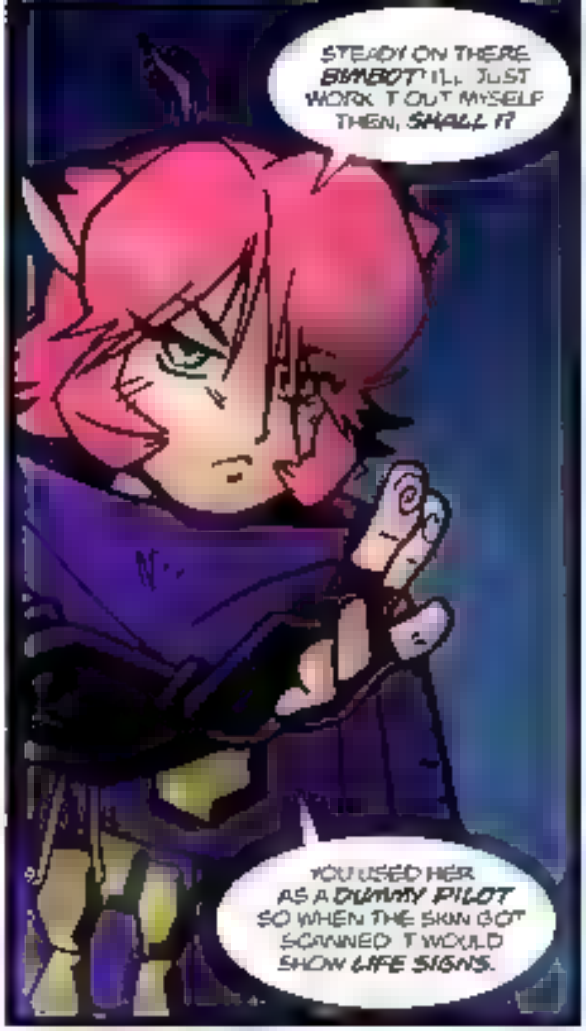

KATTA CHATATATA
HUH? WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

SNAP!
WELL YOU'RE ABOUT AS SMART AS THE REAL THING. SHE'D ALWAYS FORGET ABOUT THE FREE BLADE TOO.

GAH!
WE DON'T NEED TO DO THIS. I JUST WANT TO HELP MY FRIEND.
OK, OK. CALL OFF YOUR BLADE AND I'LL TALK.

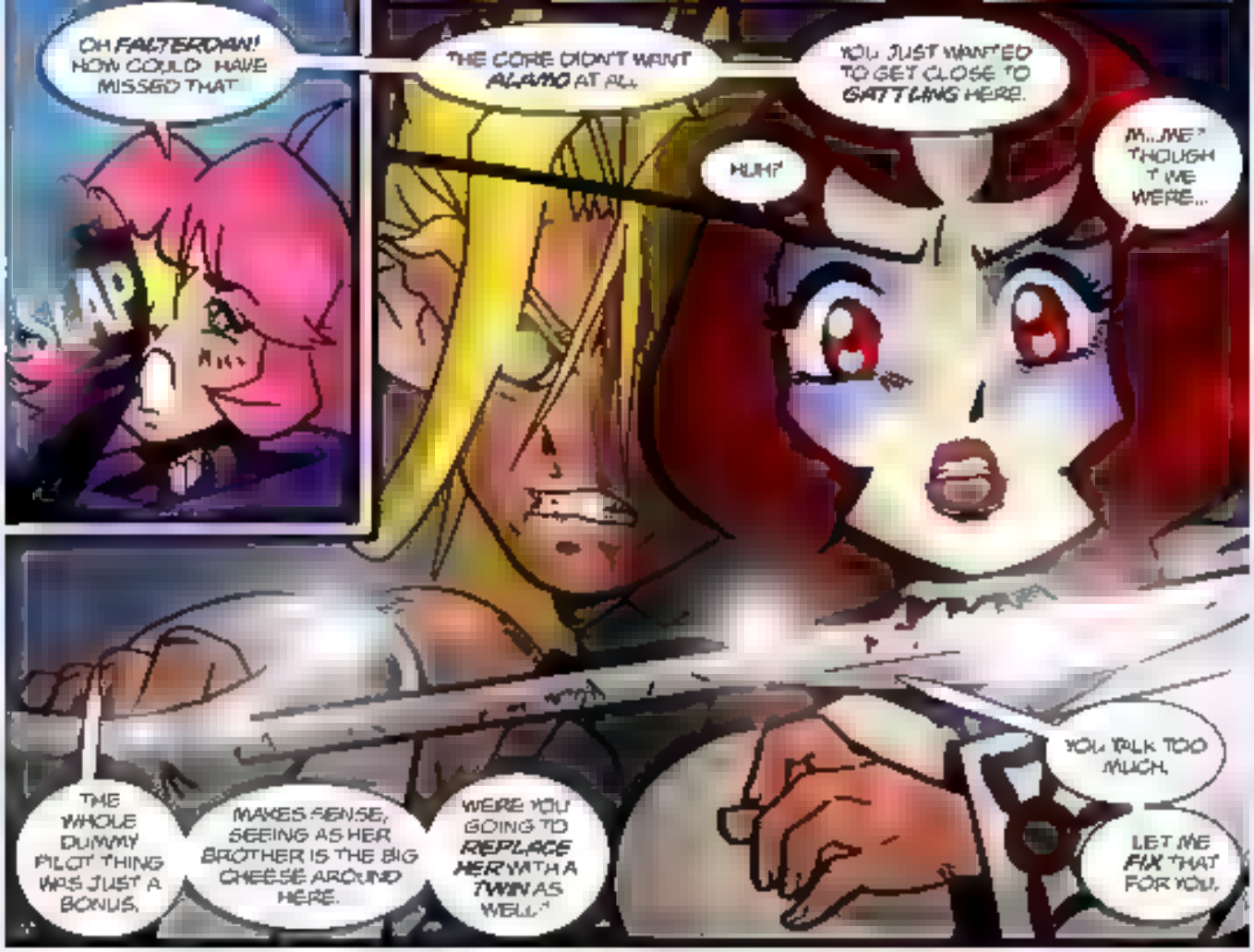
DEFINITELY NOT THE REAL ALAMO. YOU'RE WAY TO SMART
BLADE... NEEL!
SORRY GATTY, BUT
LEAVE NOW OR THIS MEAT-PUPPET ENDS NOW.
IT IS BEST TO NOT GET INVOLVED IN THE CORE'S PLANS.
NO, ALAMO... YOU'RE HURTING ME.
CORE? THE GALLAENIUM CORE? WHAT DOES A BUNCH OF BOT HEADS WANT WITH THIS BACKWATER HOLE OF ALL PLACES?
NOBODY HAS HEARD A PEEP OUT OF YOUR KIND SINCE THE LITHORIANS TOOK CONTROL OF THIS REGION 200 YEARS AGO.
MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH ALAMO, KAGEMUSHA AND THE FAKE ALAMO. MEAN YOU?

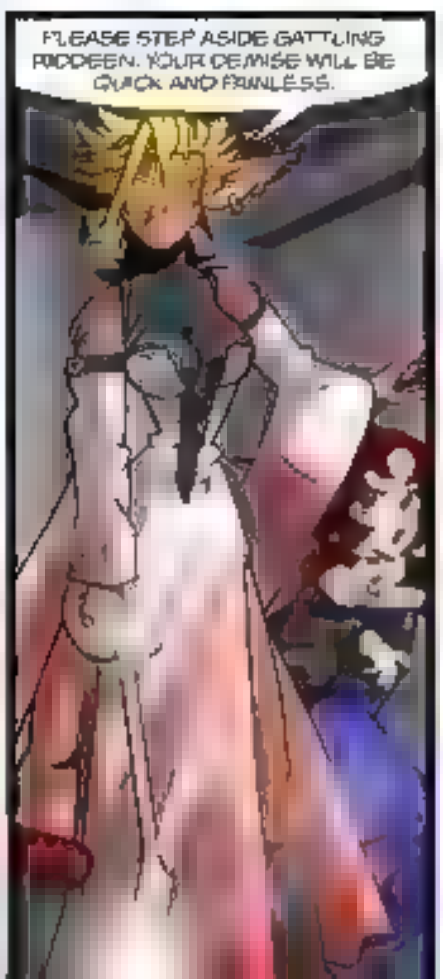

THERE IS NO POINT TELLING YOU. SINCE HAVE NOW BEEN DISCOVERED, I MUST REMOVE ALL EVIDENCE OF MY PRESENCE
THIS GIRL AND YOU MUST BE SILENCED.


STEADY ON THERE BIMBOT! I'LL JUST WORK IT OUT MYSELF THEN, SHALL I?
YOU USED HER AS A DUMMY PILOT SO WHEN THE SKIN GOT SCANNED IT WOULD SHOW LIFE SIGNS.

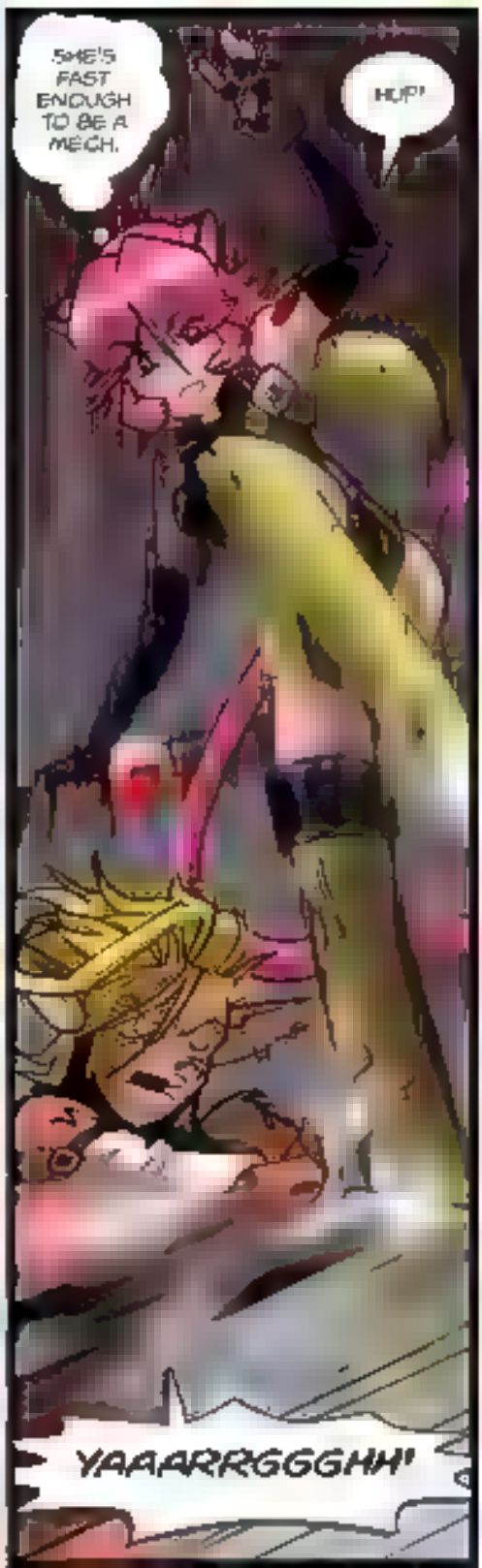
FOOLING PEOPLE INTO THINKING I HAD THE REAL WARLORD INSIDE.
PRETTY SMART FOR A BUNCH OF ROBOTS.
BUT ALAMO'S JUST A SECOND RATE THIEF WHY GO TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF IMPERSONATING HER?

I MEAN SURELY YOU COULD FIND ALMOST ANYBODY TO FILL THE PILOT'S SEAT WHEN ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS HAVE A HEARTBEAT
A TWIN UNIT... LIKE YOU ARE A TWIN UNIT?
THAT'S A LOT OF TROUBLE TO GO TO JUST SO HER BUDDY GATLINS WOULDN'T.


OH FALTERDAN! HOW COULD HAVE MISSED THAT
SLAP
THE CORE DIDN'T WANT ALAMO AT ALL
YOU JUST WANTED TO GET CLOSE TO GATTLING HERE.
HUH?
M...ME? THOUGH T WE WERE...
YOU TALK TOO MUCH.
LET ME FIX THAT FOR YOU.
THE WHOLE DUMMY PILOT THING WAS JUST A BONUS.
MAKES SENSE, SEEING AS HER BROTHER IS THE BIG CHEESE AROUND HERE.
WERE YOU GOING TO REPLACE HER WITH A TWIN AS WELL?


PLEASE STEP ASIDE GATTLING RIDDEEN. YOUR DEMISE WILL BE QUICK AND PAINLESS.

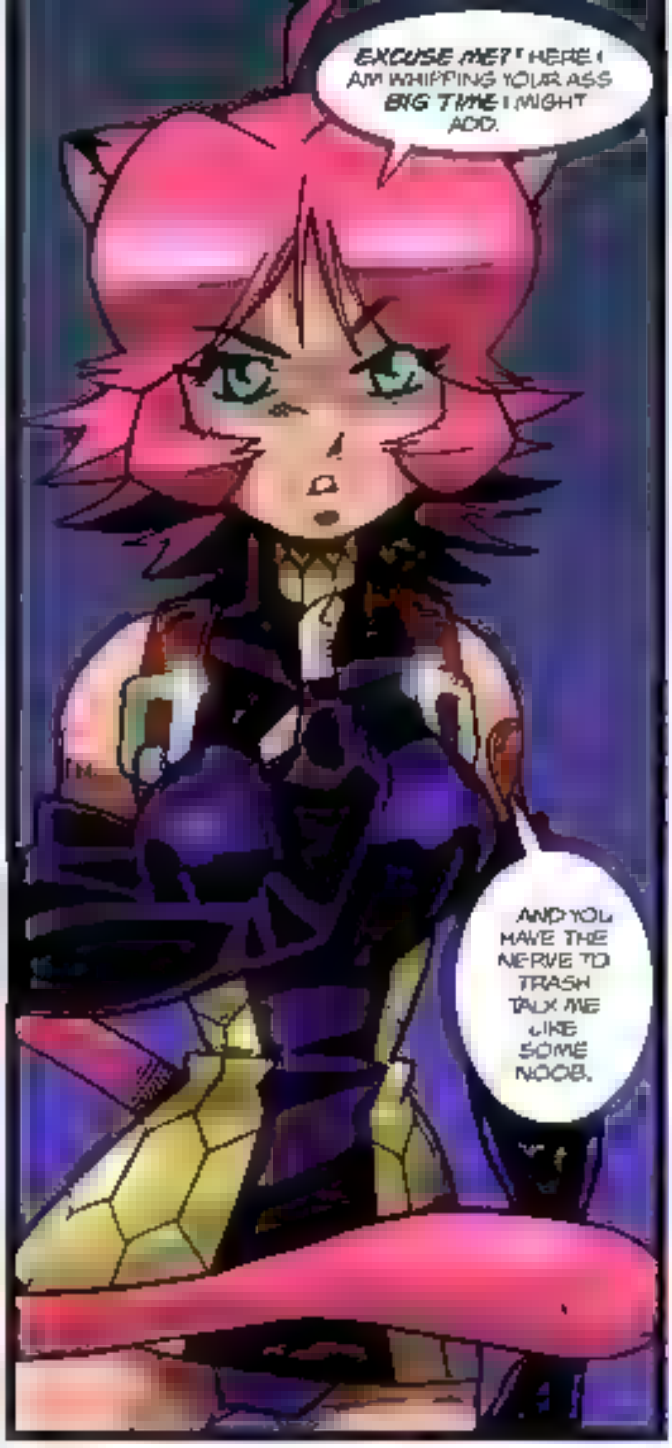
AS FOR THE INTERLOPER, I PROMISE YOU WILL MEET YOUR MAKER SOON.
THE PAIN WILL BE UP TO YOU.
YA KNOW WHAT?
I LIKED YOU BETTER...
...WHEN YOU SHUT UP!

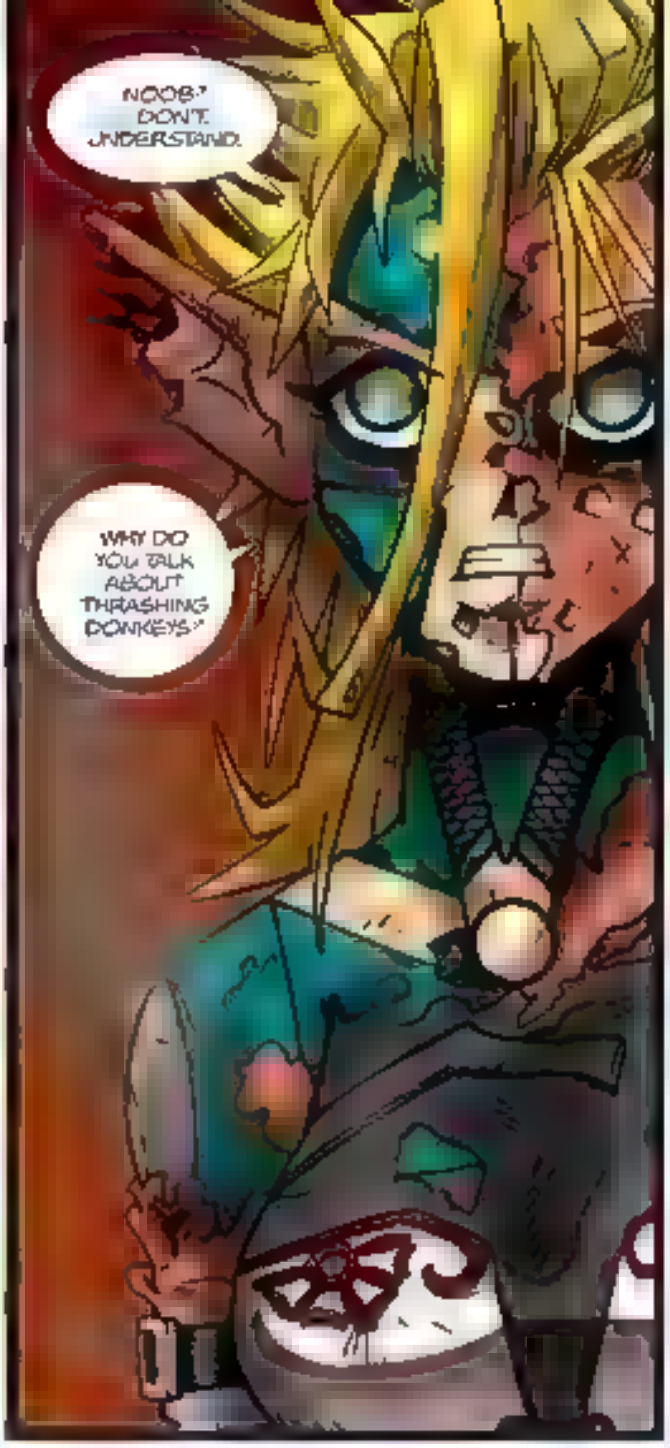

SHE'S FAST ENOUGH TO BE A MECH.
HUP!
YAAARRGGGHH!

UP AND OVER NOW TO SHOW HER WHAT BLADE CAN REALLY DO!
READY...
AND..
BLADE DIVE!

OOOH, THAT'LL LEAVE A MARK FOR SURE

DON'T WORRY FELION, THIS FLESH WILL GROW BACK
LET'S SEE IF YOURS DOES TOO!





Snort. THAT'S A GOOD ONE
I SHOULD EASILY BE ABLE TO GET A FEW DRINKS OUT OF THIS STORY.
YOU WANT TO CONTINUE WHILE THE LIGHT IS STILL GOOD?

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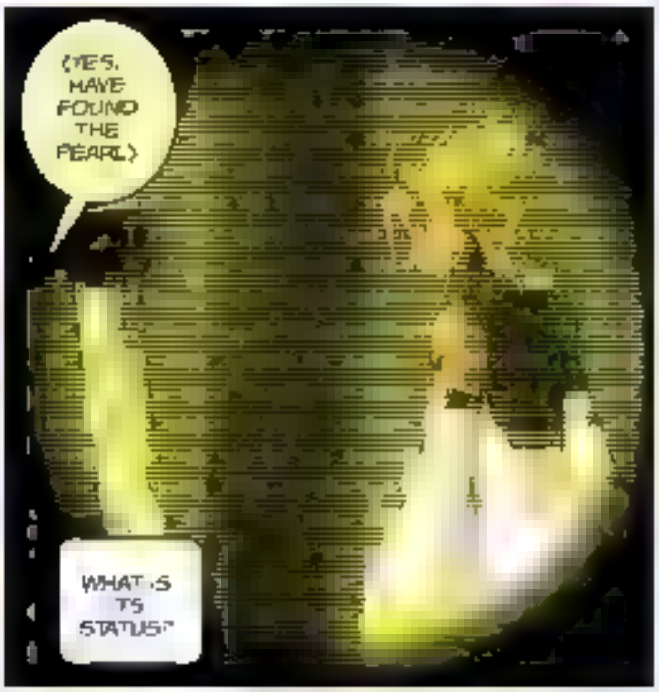

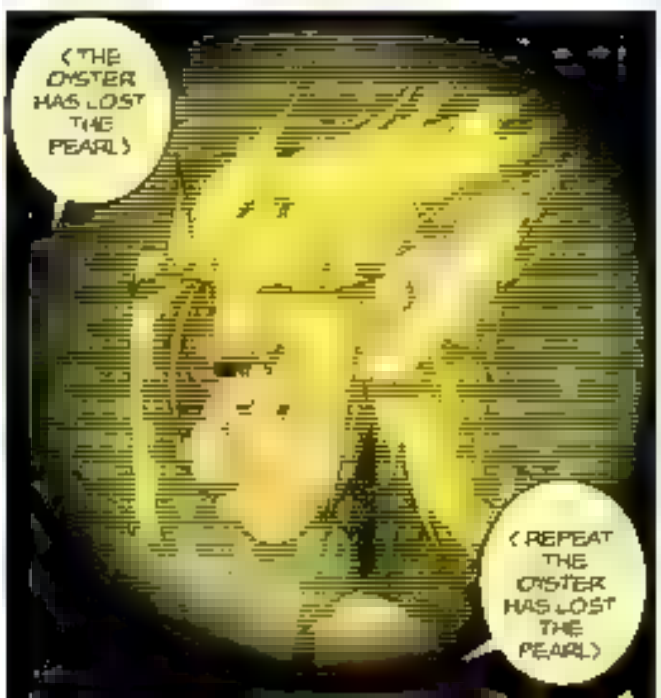

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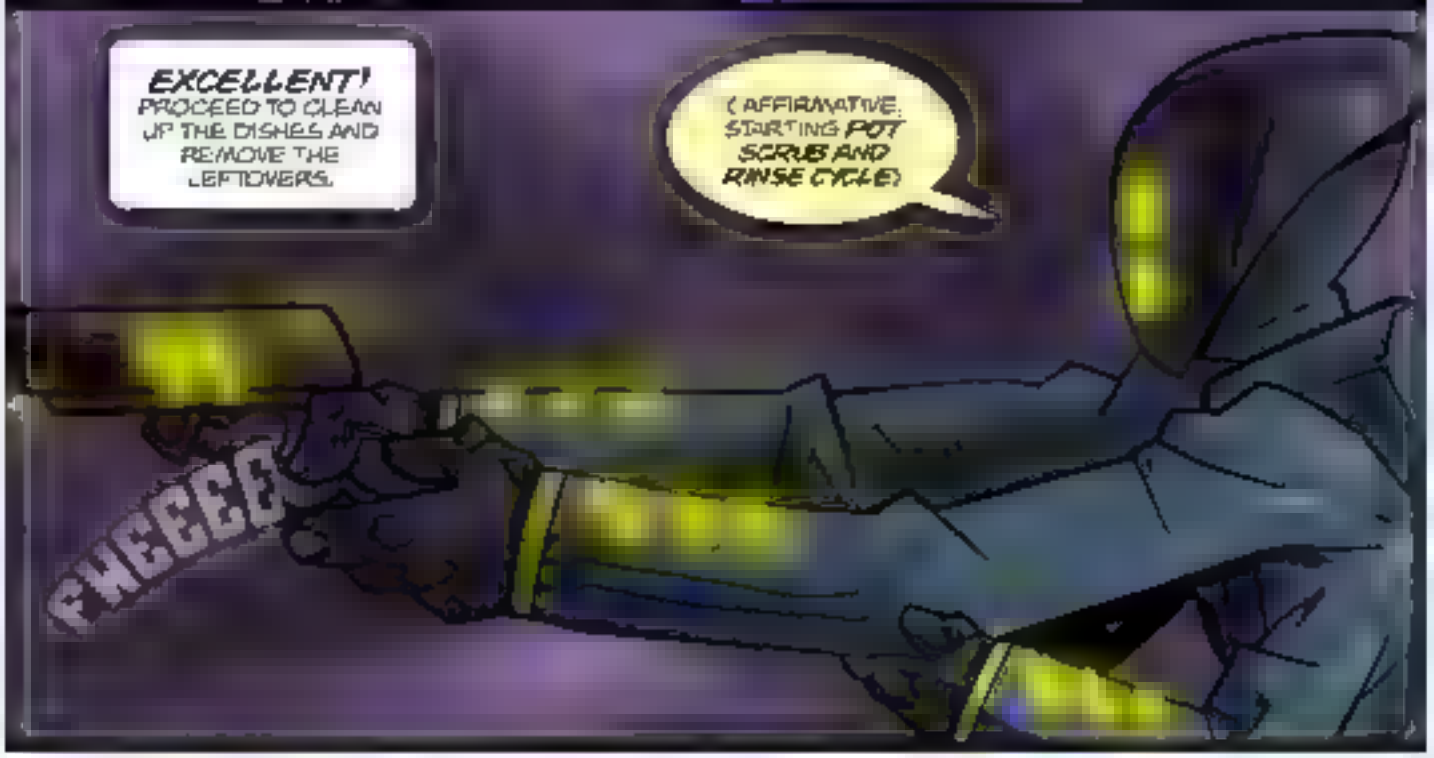
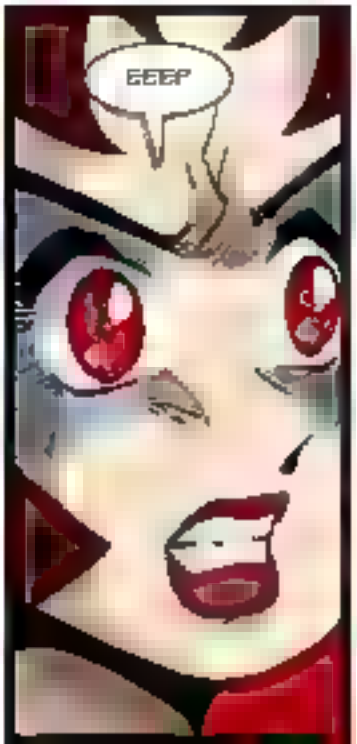

EXCELLENT! PROCEED TO CLEAN UP THE DISHES AND REMOVE THE LEFTOVERS.
(AFFIRMATIVE. STARTING POT SCRUB AND RINSE CYCLE)
FWEEEB

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT BEFORE WE CONTINUE?
YOU HEARD ME. THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO FIGHT YOU WHILE YOU LOOK LIKE A MESSED UP ZOMBIE VERSION OF MY FRIEND.
JUST LOSE THE SKIN OR SOMETHING!

VERY WELL.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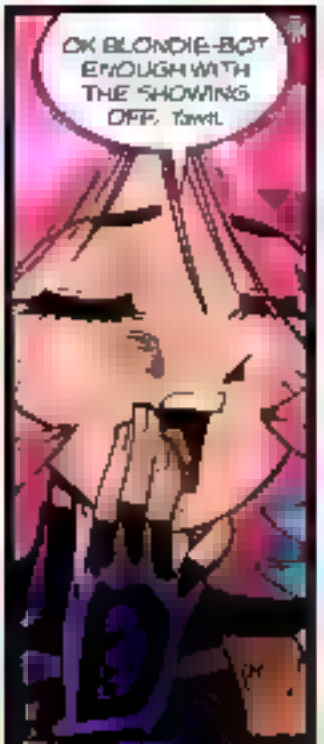
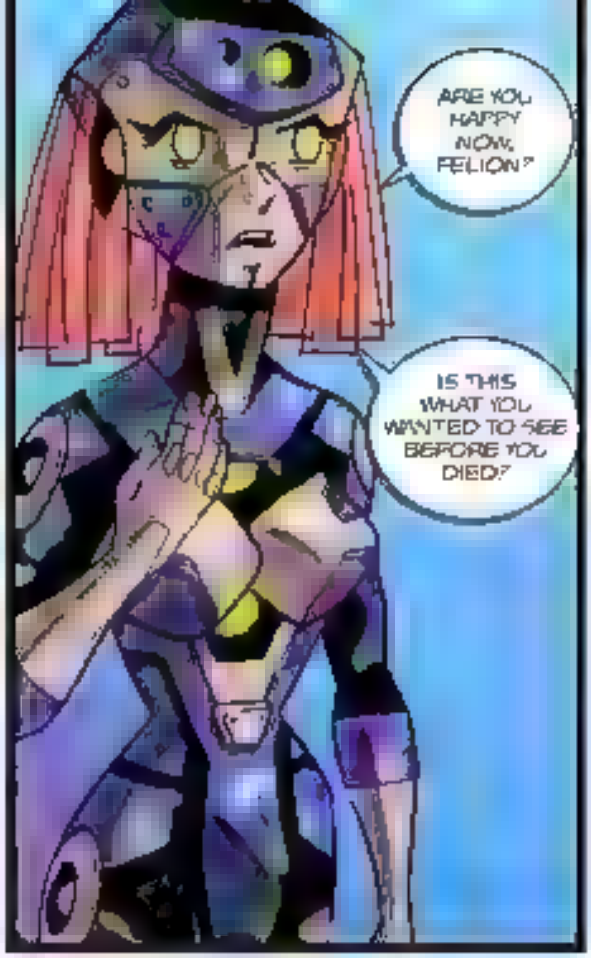
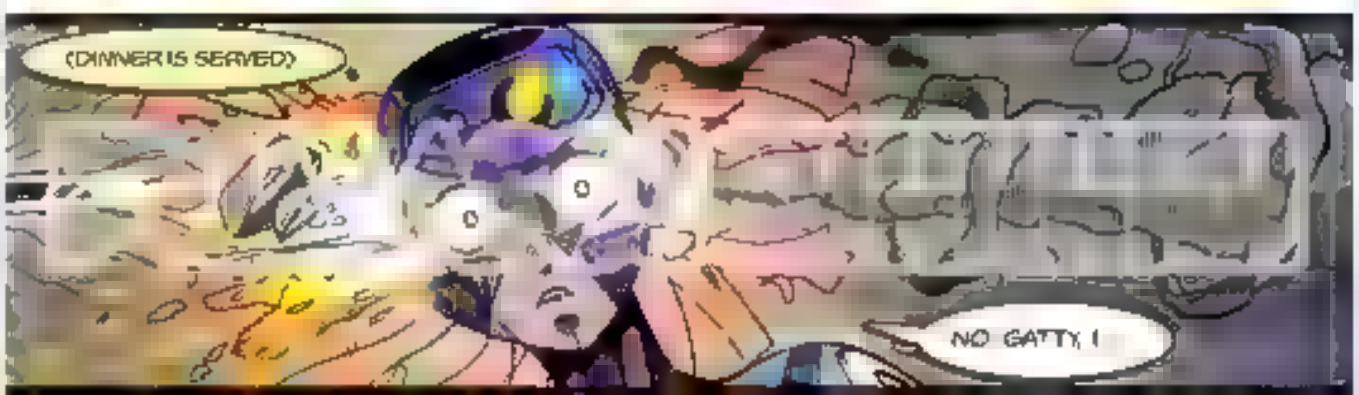

OK BLONDIE-BOT ENOUGH WITH THE SHOWING OFF. Tawtl

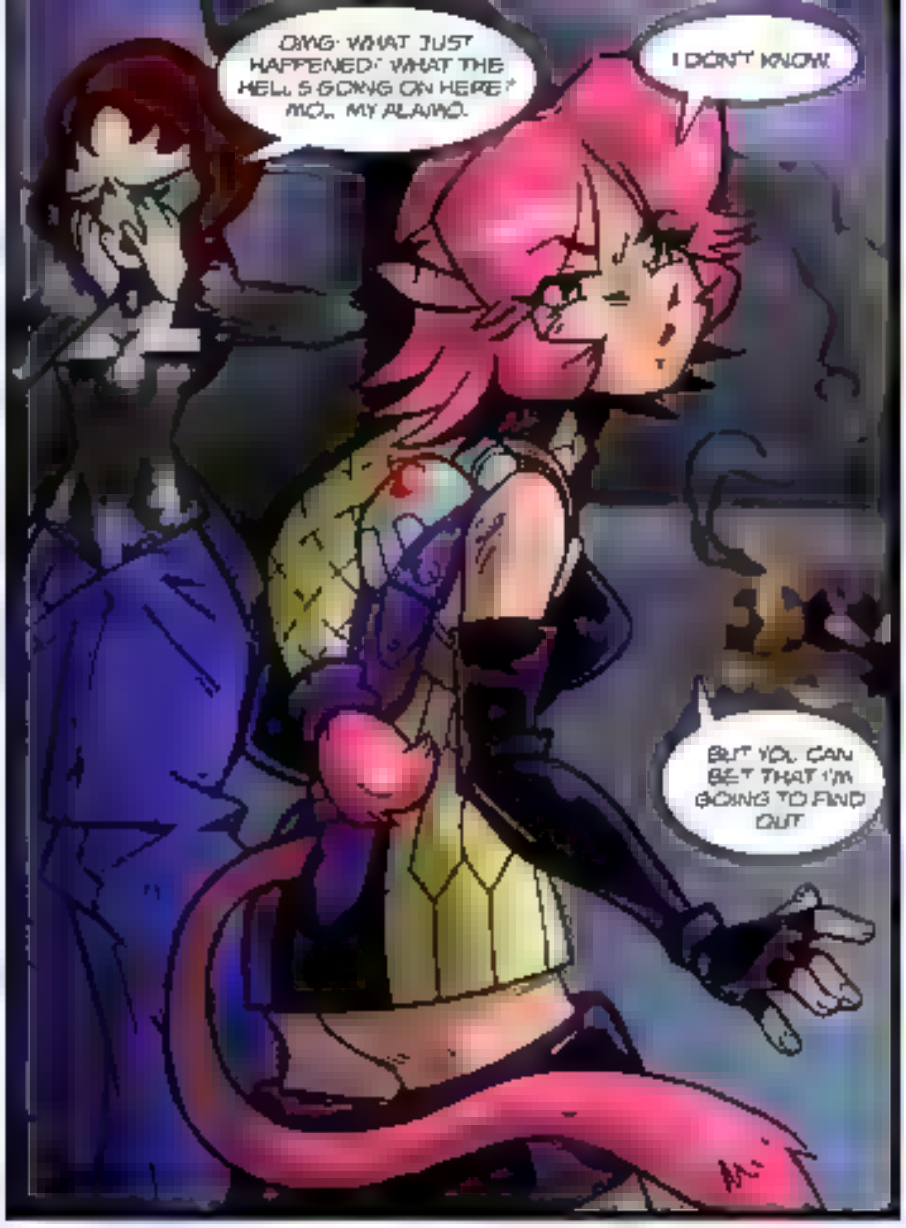

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW, FELION?
IS THIS WHAT YOU WANTED TO SEE BEFORE YOU DIED?

DAMN, YOU'RE NOT EVEN A NEWER MODEL! WHAT A GIP!
AND PRETTY SURE YOU SHOULDN'T BE SMOKING LIKE THAT!

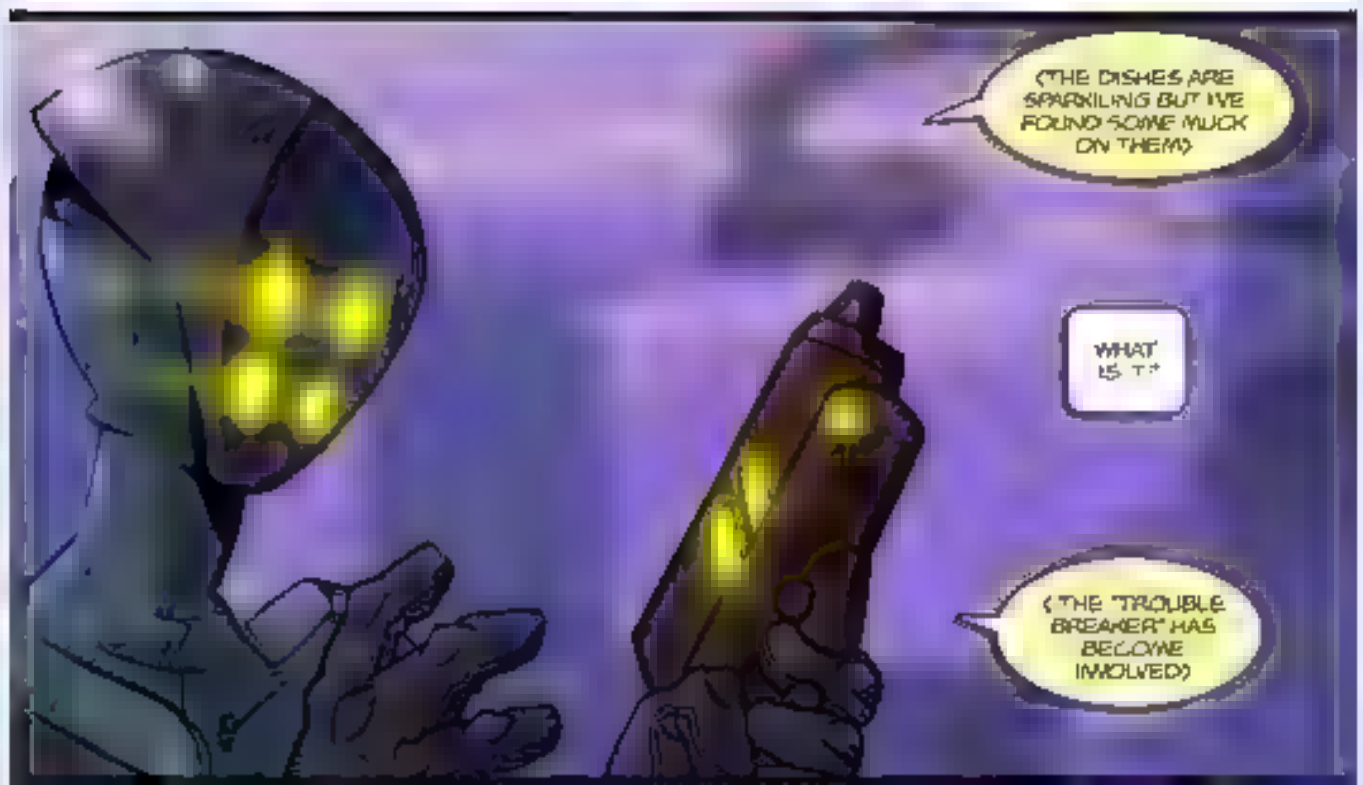
SMOKING?
I DON'T...

(WASH CYCLE COMPLETED)

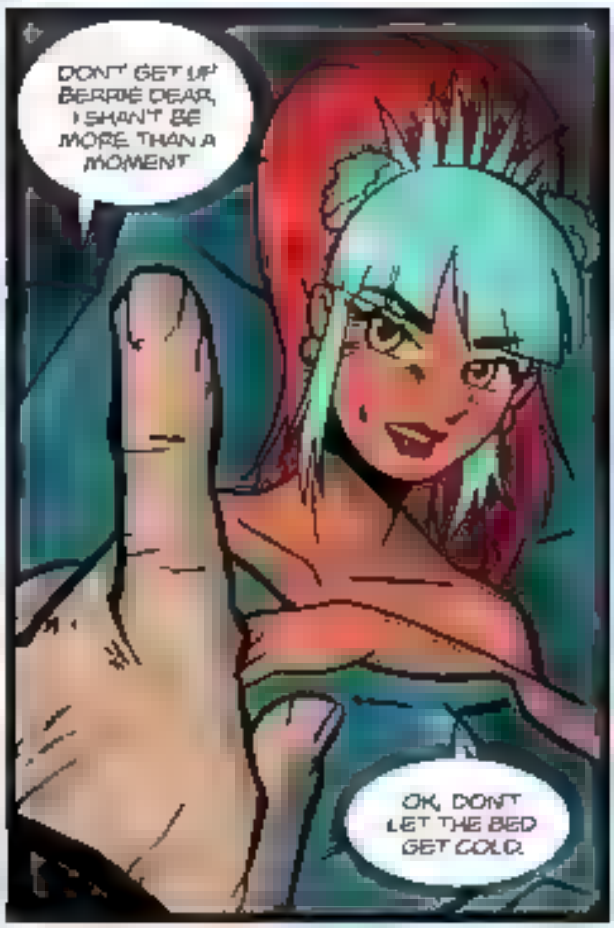

(DINNER IS SERVED)
NO GATTY!


OMG! WHAT JUST HAPPENED? WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE? NO... MY ALAIWO.
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT YOU CAN BET THAT I'M GOING TO FIND OUT

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!
IS IT DONE?
(YES)


(THE DISHES ARE SPARKLING BUT I'VE FOUND SOME MUCK ON THEM)
WHAT IS IT?
(THE "TROUBLE BREAKER" HAS BECOME INVOLVED)

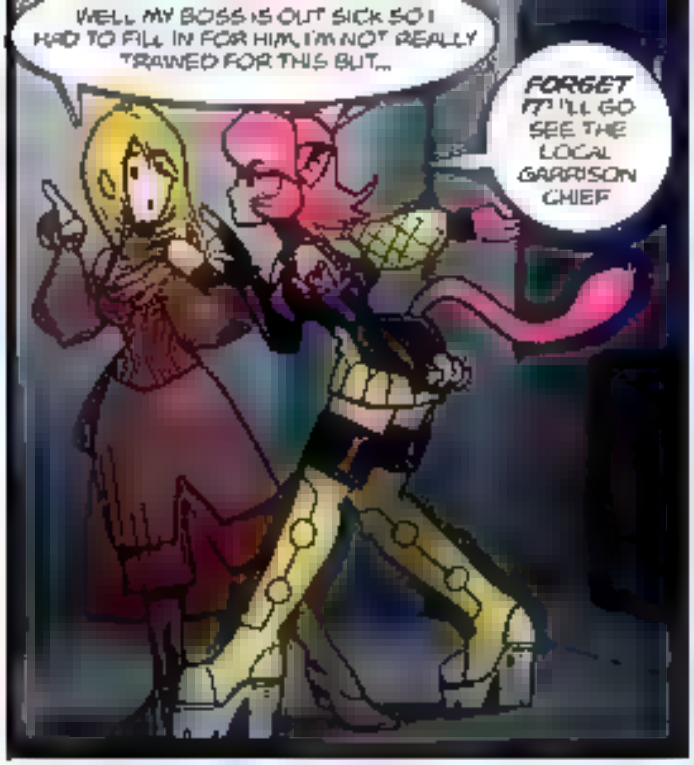
BALLARD? HERE? THIS IS UNEXPECTED
WE WILL DEAL WITH HER YOU RETREAT TO THE SAVE POINT
(YES SIR!)
MOOSHIE.. WHAT'S UP?


DONT GET UP BERRIE DEAR, I SHANT BE MORE THAN A MOMENT
OK, DONT LET THE BED GET COLD.

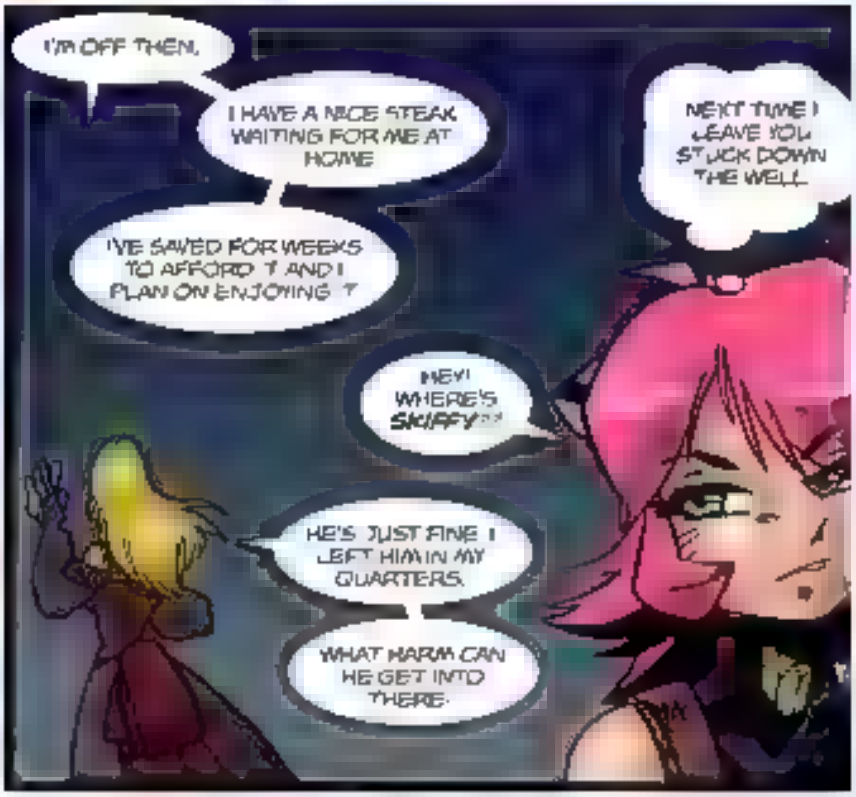
IT SEEMS THE DECOYS HAVE FAILED BALLARD WILL BE TROUBLE.

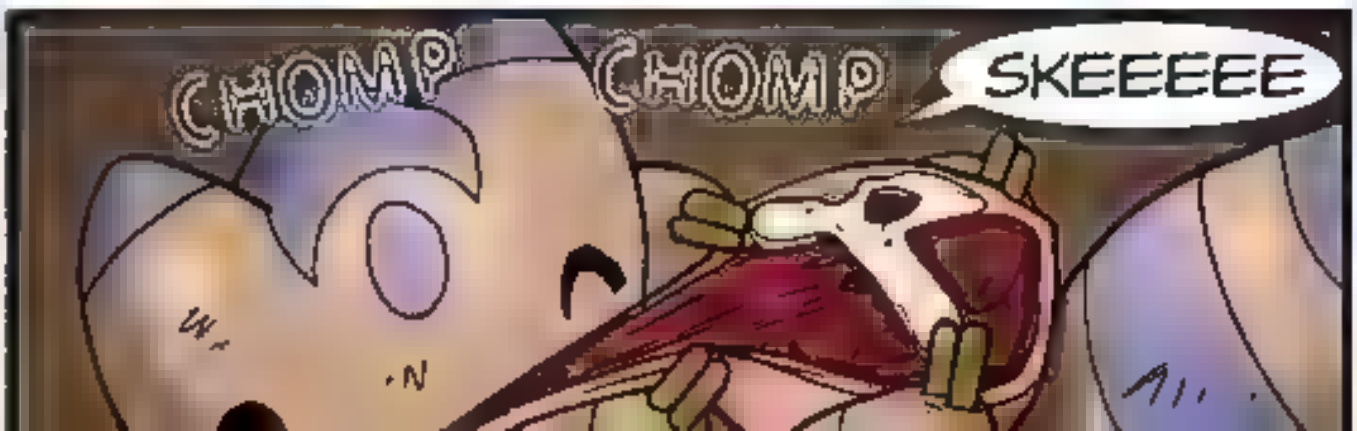
AXAEL, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DEAL WITH HER?
(YES LORD KAGEAKISHA, I WILL TAKE CARE OF HER PERSONALLY)
EXCELLENT, YOU HAVE YET TO FAIL ME.

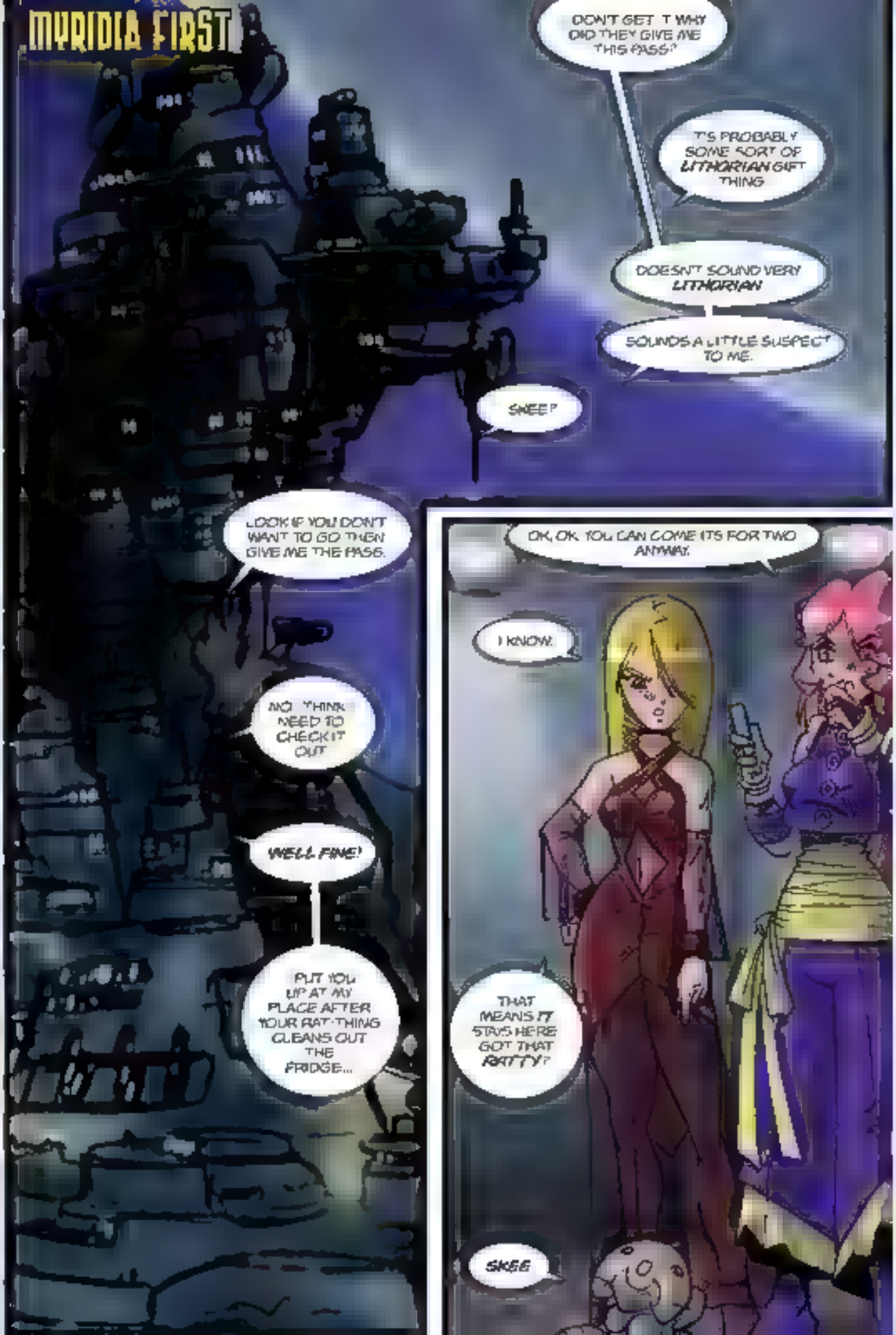
A GOURET ASSASSIN!
YOU SURE?
YES I'M SURE! HE WAS OVER ON THE OTHER ROOF
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS ANYWAY?
RIIIGHT.


WELL MY BOSS IS OUT SICK SO I HAD TO FILL IN FOR HIM, I'M NOT REALLY TRAINED FOR THIS BUT...
FORGET IT! I'LL GO SEE THE LOCAL GARRISON CHIEF

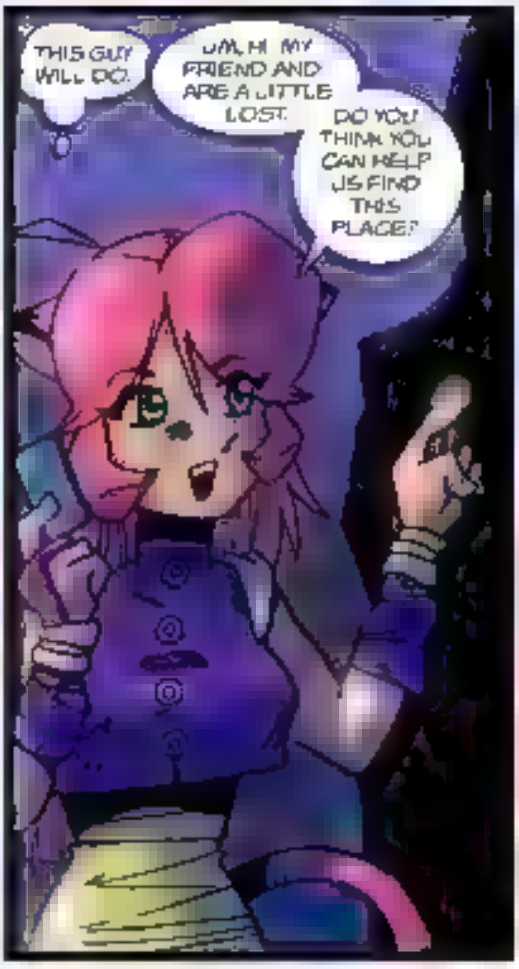
FINE YOU GO DO THAT, IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM.
YOU MIGHT WANT TO GO CHECK ON YOUR FRIEND, SHE'S IN MED TOWER 6A
GROSS.


I'M OFF THEN.
I HAVE A NICE STEAK WAITING FOR ME AT HOME
I'VE SAVED FOR WEEKS TO AFFORD IT AND I PLAN ON ENJOYING IT
NEXT TIME I LEAVE YOU STUCK DOWN THE WELL
HEY! WHERE'S SKIFFY??
HE'S JUST FINE I LEFT HIM IN MY QUARTERS.
WHAT HARM CAN HE GET INTO THERE.


CHOMP CHOMP
SKEEEEE


DON'T GET IT WHY DID THEY GIVE ME THIS PASS?
IT'S PROBABLY SOME SORT OF LITHORIAN GIFT THING
DOESN'T SOUND VERY LITHORIAN
SOUNDS A LITTLE SUSPECT TO ME.
SKEE?
LOOK IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO THEN GIVE ME THE PASS.
NO THINK NEED TO CHECK IT OUT
WELL FINE!
PUT YOU UP AT MY PLACE AFTER YOUR RAT-THING CLEANS OUT THE FRIDGE...
OK, OK. YOU CAN COME ITS FOR TWO ANYWAY.
I KNOW.
THAT MEANS IT STAYS HERE GOT THAT RATTY?
SKEE

IT'S GOT TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE SOME GREAT FINDER PERSON?
DON'T KNOW WHY I HANG WITH YOU BALLARD.
YES, REMIND ME TOO.
WE COULD JUST ASK WHERE * S



YEAH, FOR SURE. LET ME SEE THAT
YOU FOLKS POSITIVELY WANT HELP GETTING TO THIS PLACE? I MEAN LIKE REALLY SURE?
AHHH, YES... WE DID ASK. WHY?

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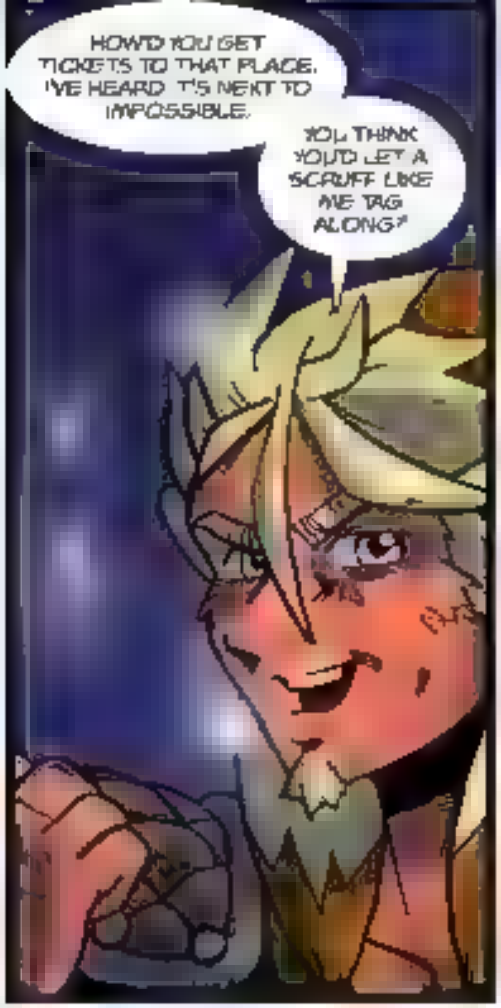
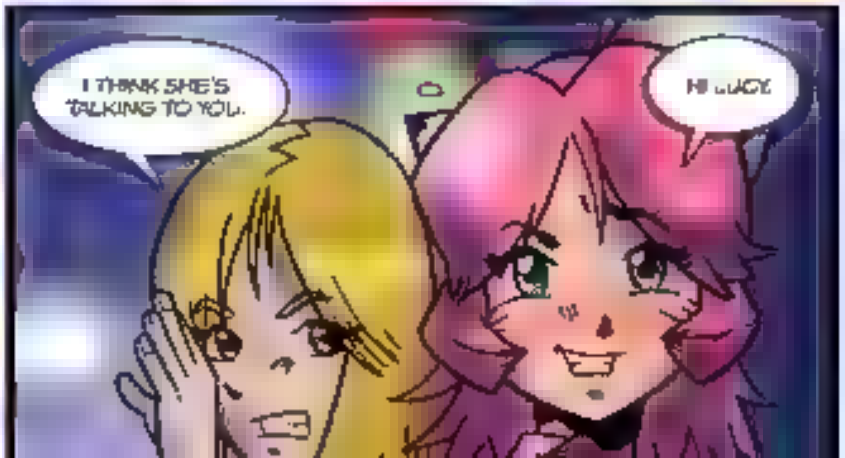
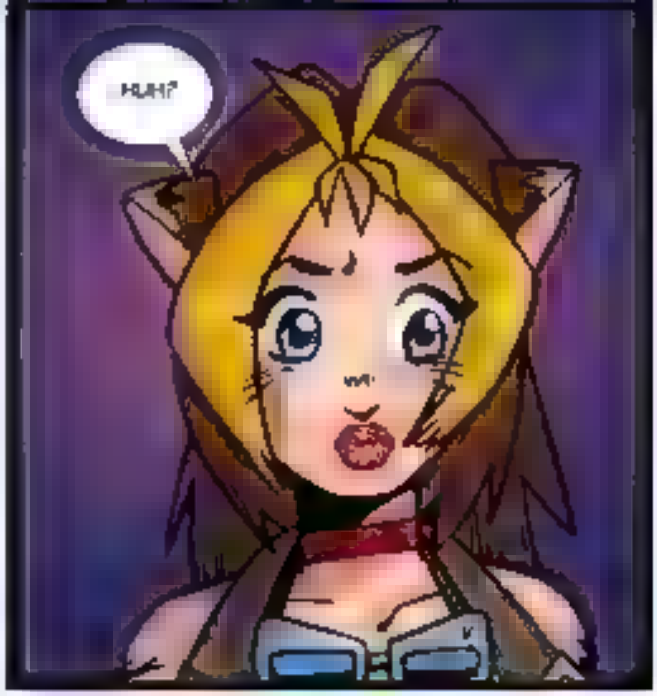

HOW'D YOU GET TICKETS TO THAT PLACE. I'VE HEARD IT'S NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU THINK YOU'D LET A SCRUFF LIKE ME TAG ALONG?

HONEY! BABY, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL. I WAS JUST HELPING THEM WITH DIRECTIONS
SURE, OF COURSE YOU WERE!
IS THAT TRUE NONKETTES?

THOMAS H. ZEESE!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE UP TO?
LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR A SECOND..
..AND YOU'RE OFF PICKING UP RANDOM STREET NOINKS!


I THINK SHE'S TALKING TO YOU.
HI JACK



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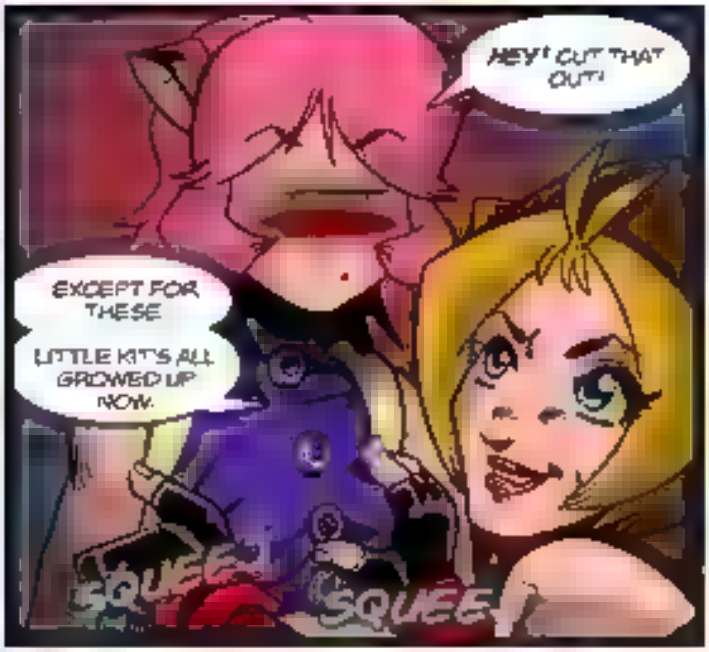
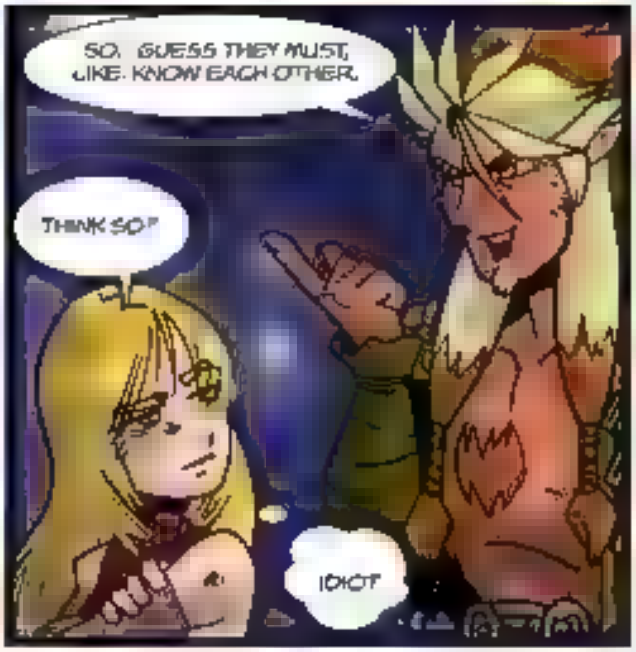
IT'S REALLY GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN LUCY.
OH KIT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S YOU.
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN? NEARLY 10 YEARS?
LOOK AT YOU! YOU'VE HARDLY CHANGED AT ALL


HEY! CUT THAT OUT!
EXCEPT FOR THESE
LITTLE KIT'S ALL GROWED UP NOW.
SQUEE
SQUEE


SO, GUESS THEY MUST, LIKE, KNOW EACH OTHER.
THINK SO?
IDIOT

SO WHERE DID YOU FIND THESE PUPPIES?
ZEESE, KIT AND I NEED TO TALK
COULD YOU BE A DEAR AND LOOK AFTER HER CHIMP FOR A FEW MINUTES?
SURE THING BOSS. THE MONKEY IS IN GOOD HANDS.
CHIMP? MONKEY? WHY YOU STUCK UP, MANGEY OLD ALLEY CATS. WHAT ABOUT THE CLUB, KIT?
DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE.. AGAIN.

LOOK I'M SORRY ABOUT THE MONKEY LINE BUT I DIDN'T ASK TO BABYSIT YOU.
THAT'S OK. SHE ALWAYS LEAVES ME BEHIND.
SO ARE YOU TWO LIKE A COUPLE?
ALWAYS.
NO.
YOU AND THE SHE CAT?
I WISH.
THEY COULD BE A WHILE
WE COULD... YOU KNOW.
SURE
WHOOP

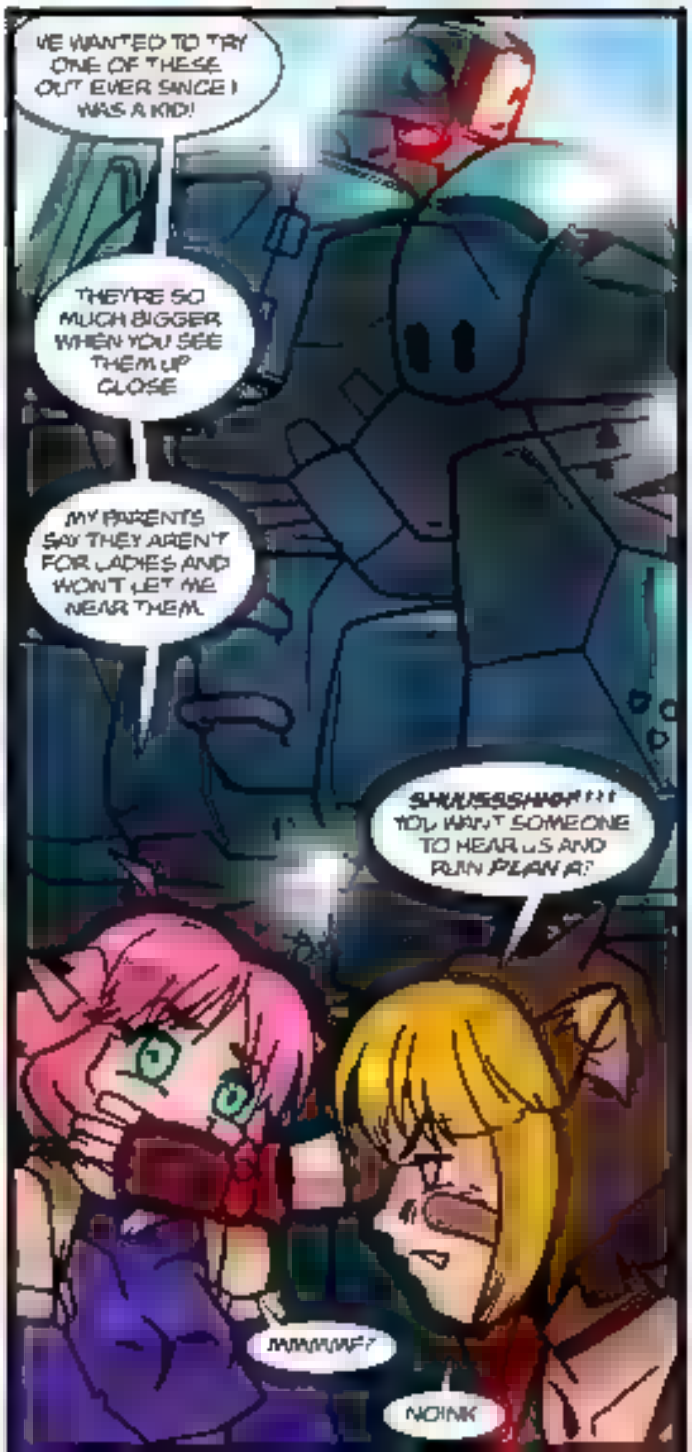
YOU'VE DONE ALL THAT SINCE LAST SAW YOU? BOY HAVE YOU BEEN BUSY.
DON'T LET ZEESE KNOW THAT YOU'LL MAKE ME LOOK BAD.
GUESS IT HELPS ME KEEP MY MIND OFF OF THINGS.
I WISH I COULD GO BACK.. FIX IT ALL UP.. LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED.
YOU'RE NOT STILL BLAMING YOURSELF FOR THAT ARE YOU?
IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS YOUR FAULT, WE WERE ALL JUST KIDS AT THE TIME
BUT STILL.. I.
KIT GET OVER IT.
WE WERE HOW OLD THEN. 13 AND 14? WE WERE ALWAYS GETTING INTO TROUBLE.
YOU WERE ALWAYS GETTING US INTO TROUBLE, LUCY
HE HEE. THAT'S RIGHT DID. BUT YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE TOO YOU BIG SPAZ.

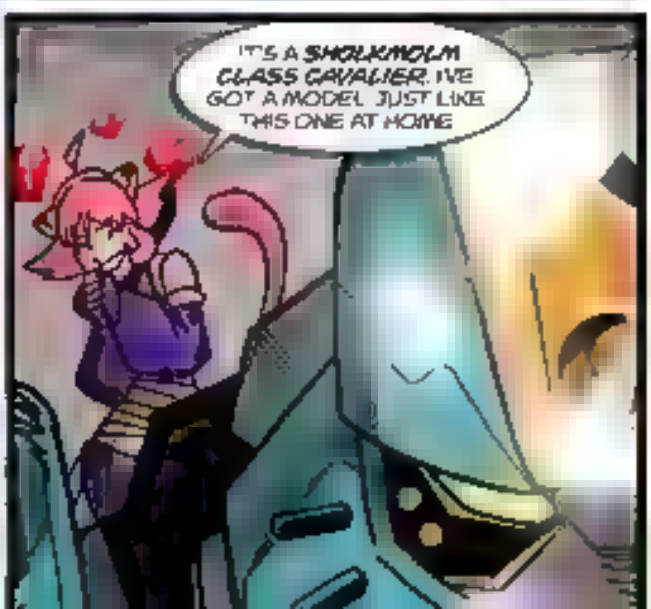
MIDSUN – 11 YEARS AGO
IT WAS BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN WE STILL HAD HOME PLANET
REMEMBER WHEN WE SNUCK IN TO TRAIN WITH THE GLADIATORS?
THAR SHE BLOWS, SPANKY! NOT A TRAINER IN SIGHT. YOU READY?
GUESS SO...
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE GOTTEN COLD FEET NOW! NOT AFTER GETTING THIS FAR!
NO... NOT COLD FEET. JUST...
DIDN'T I GET US IN TO SEE THE GUN GLADIATORS LAST TIME

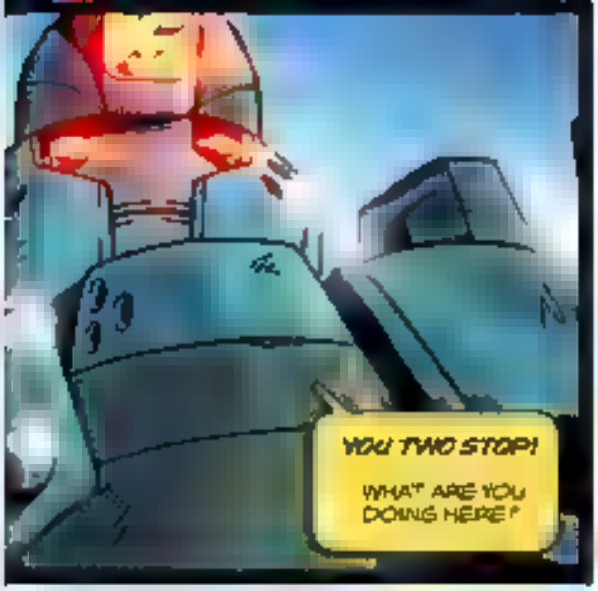
YES..
BUT WE DID GET GROUNDED FOR THREE MONTHS.
BUT THIS TIME I HAVE A PLAN.
WHICH IS?
DON'T GET CAUGHT.
LET'S GO BEFORE WE HAVE TO SWITCH TO PLAN B

YOU DON'T THINK THAT IT'S A LITTLE TOO EMPTY AROUND HERE?
HUH? REALLY?
DAMN IT YOU'RE RIGHT BET SOMEONE HAS SET A TRAP FOR US WE'D BETTER ABORT
NO, YOU BIG NOINK! THEY HAVE A WRITTEN EXAM THIS MORNING. THAT'S WHY THERE'S NOBODY HERE.
GEE, YOU COULD HAVE MENTIONED THAT A LITTLE EARLIER
YOU SUCK

SUCK HUH? WELL CHECK THAT ONE OUT!
OMG! OMG! OMG! OMG!


WE WANTED TO TRY ONE OF THESE OUT EVER SINCE I WAS A KID!
THEY'RE SO MUCH BIGGER WHEN YOU SEE THEM UP CLOSE
MY PARENTS SAY THEY AREN'T FOR LADIES AND WON'T LET ME NEAR THEM.
SHUUSSSHH!!! YOU WANT SOMEONE TO HEAR US AND RUIN PLAN A?
MMMMF?
NOINK


IT'S A SHOUKHOLM CLASS CAVALIER. I'VE GOT A MODEL JUST LIKE THIS ONE AT HOME


YOU TWO STOP!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

OH FALTERDAN!
THEY TOLD ME THIS PLACE WOULD BE EMPTY.
SEE KIT, YOU WENT AND RUINED PLAN A.

UM..SORRY?
NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SWITCH TO PLAN B.
PLAN B?
WHAT'S PLAN B?

RUN!!

STOP!
WAIT UP! PLAN B IS JUST RUNNING?
BESIDES YOU DON'T WANT TO GO AROUND THAT WAY, IT'S..
DON'T GO CHICKEN ON ME BALLARD!
CHICKEN? I'M TRYING TO..
AND YOU...
..THAT'S IT THEN!
YOU GO THAT WAY THEN I'M STAYING HERE
FINE! YOU STAY HERE AND GET CAUGHT.
I'LL CALL IT PLAN C JUST FOR YOU!
TEVER
GYAAAH!
WHAT THE?

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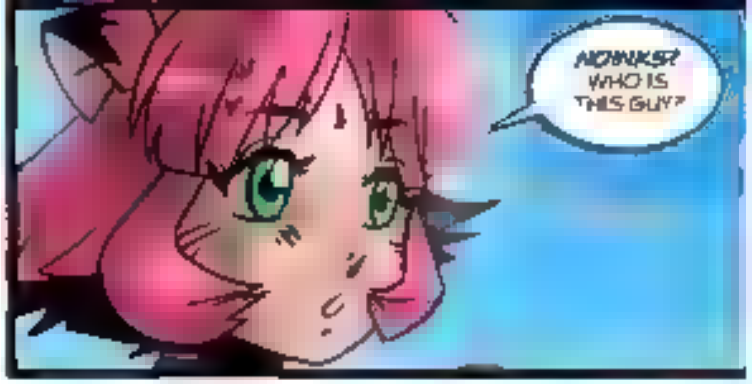
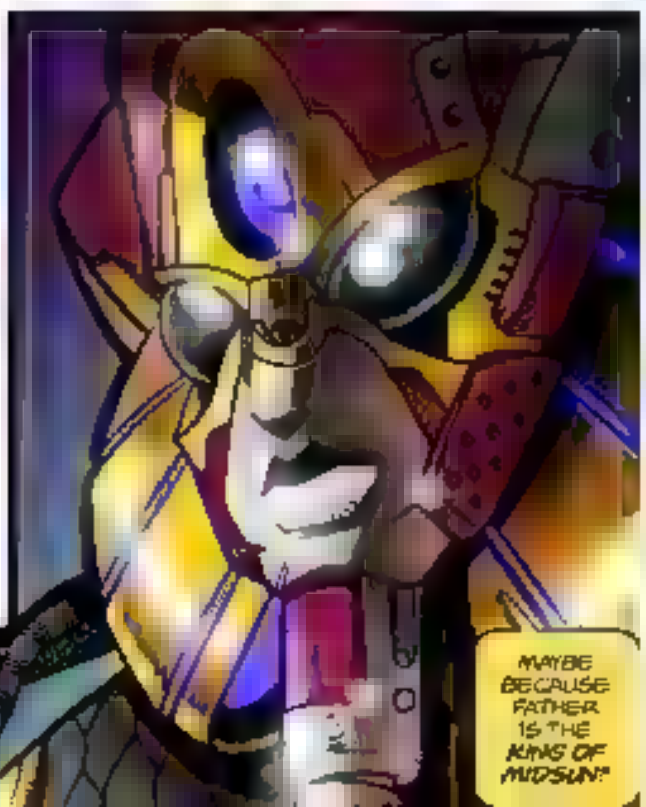
OK NOW WHAT ARE YOU NOINKS PLAYING AT?

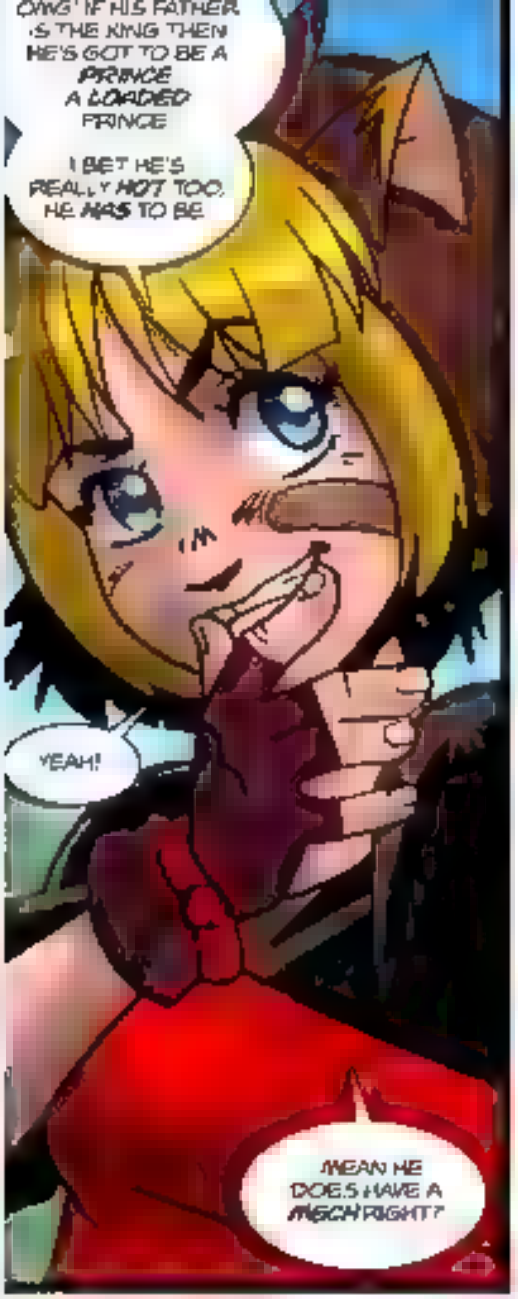

NOINKS? WHO IS THIS GUY?

LOOK HERE SUNNY-POPS. YOU CAN'T JUST GO CALLING US NOINKS AND GET AWAY WITH IT.
THINK CAN.
YOU COME OUT HERE AND SAY THAT!

GRRR

YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE THIS IS MY PRIVATE PRACTICE SESSION.
FATHER WOULD BE MOST UPSET IF HE WERE TO KNOW.
WHY SHOULD WE CARE?


MAYBE BECAUSE FATHER IS THE KING OF MIDSUN!


OMG! IF HIS FATHER IS THE KING THEN HE'S GOT TO BE A PRINCE A LOADED PRINCE
I BET HE'S REALLY HOT TOO. HE HAS TO BE
YEAH!
I MEAN HE DOES HAVE A MECH RIGHT?

PRINCE? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A PRINCE?
SHUT IT BALLARD! YOU WANT TO RUIN THE ROMANCE OF THE CENTURY?

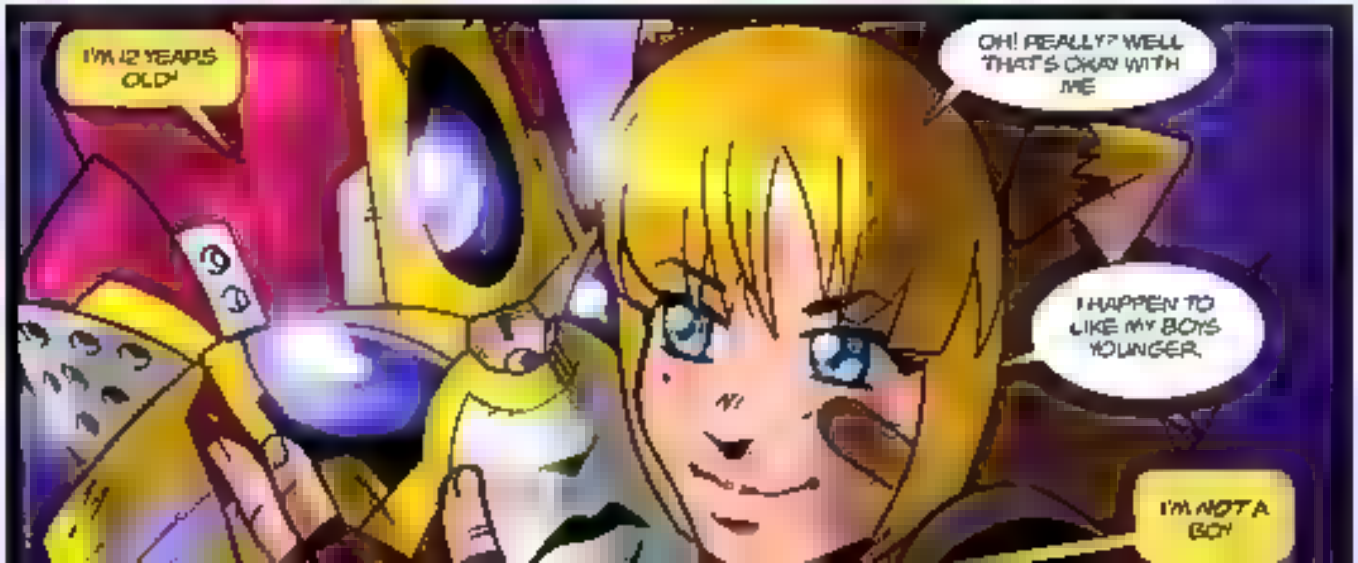
WE ARE AT YOUR SERVICE YOUR MAJESTY

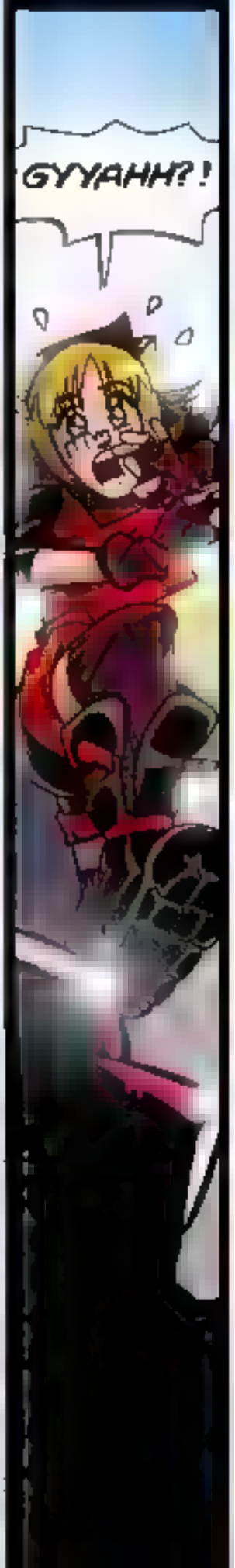
YES BUT WHO ARE YOU DEAR?

OH!
UMMM.
NOW THEN, PLEASE TELL ME EVERYTHING TEE HEE

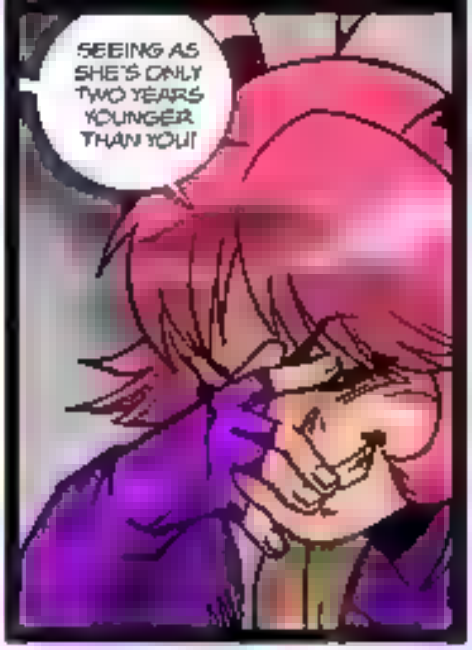
HEY LUCY, IS IT JUST ME OR IS YOUR NEW BOYFRIEND A LITTLE ON THE SHORT SIDE?
SHORT? I'M NOT SHORT

REALLY KIT! THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK ABOUT A PRINCE. SO HE'S NOT SO TALL... AT LEAST HE'S NOT A KID.
YOU'RE NOT A KID ARE YOU?
NO, I'M NOT A KID.

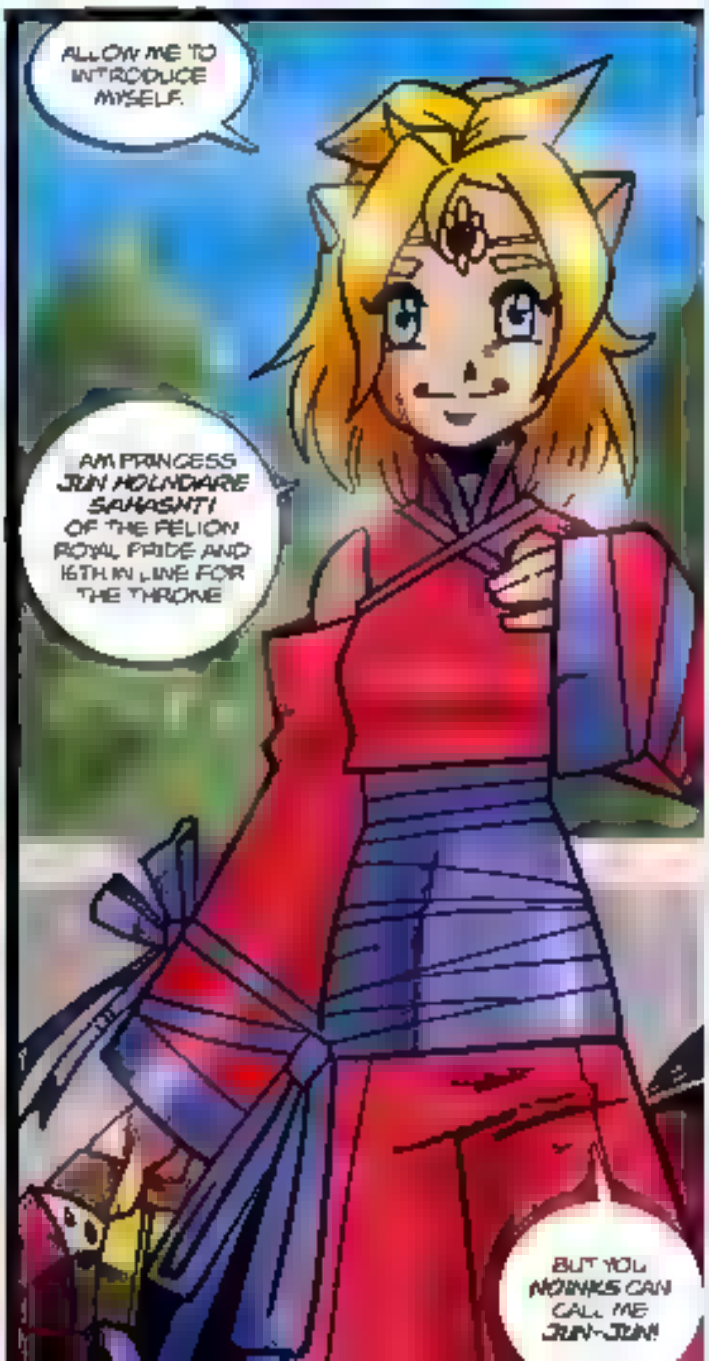

I'M 12 YEARS OLD!
OH! REALLY? WELL THAT'S OKAY WITH ME
I HAPPEN TO LIKE MY BOYS YOUNGER.
I'M NOT A BOY!


GYYAHH?!

SOME KID IS MESSING AROUND WITH A GIANT ARMORED SKIN AND YOU THINK IT'S FUNNY?
YES.


SEEING AS SHE'S ONLY TWO YEARS YOUNGER THAN YOU!

HEE HEE I GOT YOU GOOD!


ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
I AM PRINCESS JUN HOLINDARE SAHASHI OF THE FELION ROYAL PRIDE AND 16TH IN LINE FOR THE THRONE
BUT YOU NOINKS CAN CALL ME JUN-JUN!

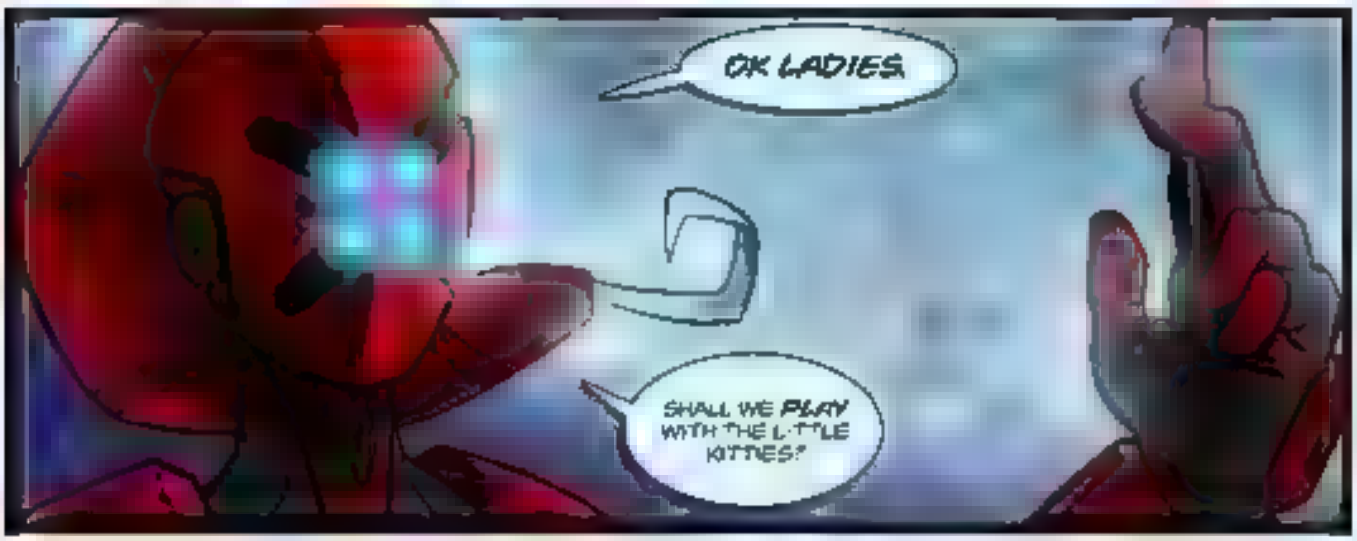
CALL ME JUN-JUN.
STOP IT!
SHE'S DEAD DAMMIT!
THEY KILLED HER AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT!

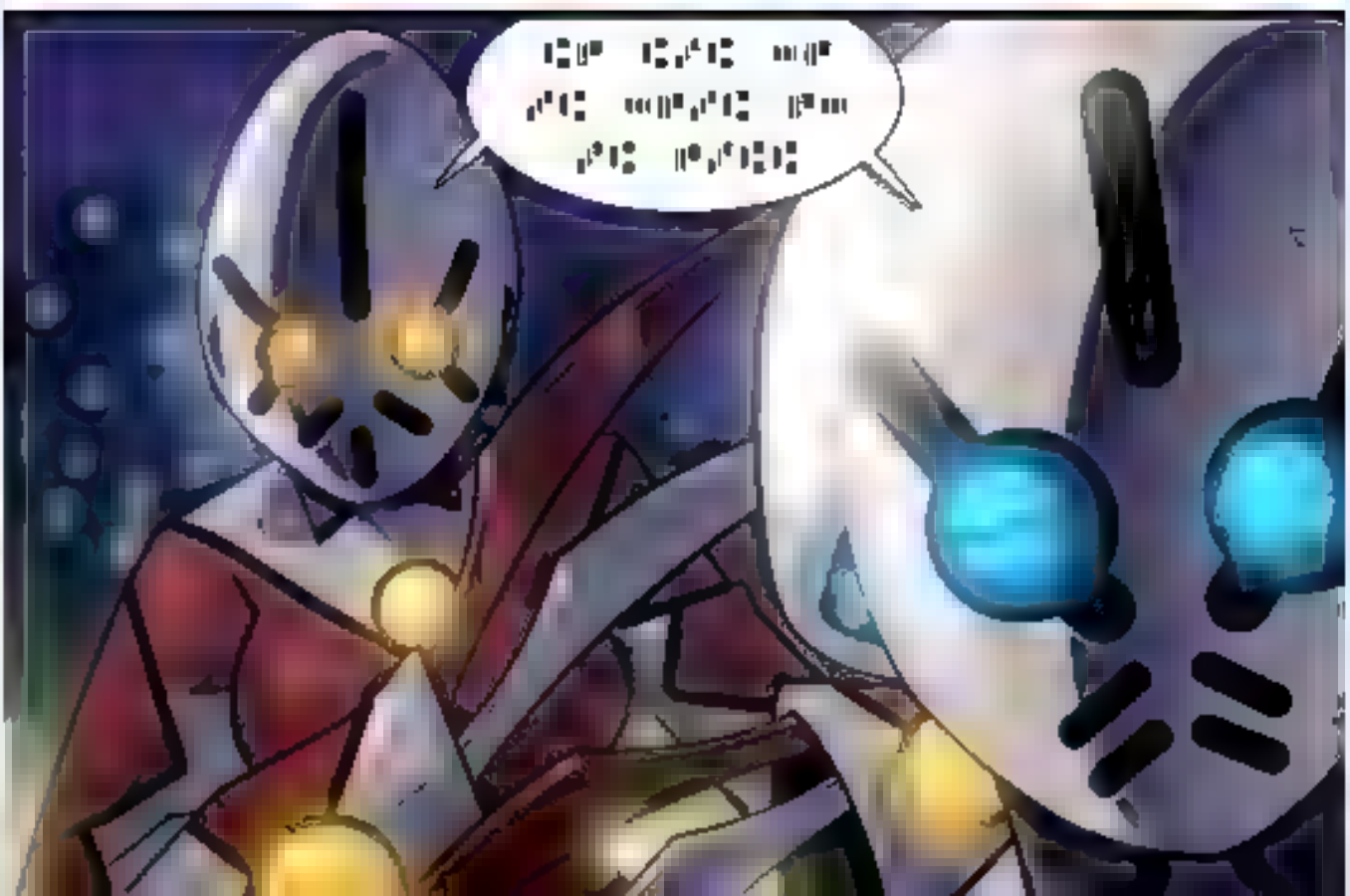
OH KIT.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
DIDN'T..

HEY, IT'S OKAY SWEETIE. IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.
I TRIED BUT COULDN'T SAVE HER.
I REALLY TRIED...
sob
sob

THE AGENT HAS VERIFIED THE TARGET.
SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE TOO MUCH OF A THREAT.
RIKAEL - KAGE/MUSHA'S SECOND IN COMMAND.
DON'T LET YOURSELF BE FOOLED BY HER LOOKS.
SHE'S FAR MORE ABLE THAN SHE APPEARS.
REMEMBER THE STORIES OF MAGASSE
IF THEY'RE TRUE THEN I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT SHE'S CAPABLE OF
SHOULD BE A FUN FIGHT.
I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR STORIES WHEN YOU GET BACK, MY DEAR.

WHY ARE THEY TAKING SO MUCH INTEREST IN THIS GIRL?
SHE'S JUST MORE RELION SCRAP THE LAST HANDFULL OF A DEAD OFFSHOOT OF HUMANITY...
...OR IS THERE MORE TO HER?
IF THERE IS, AXAEL WILL FIND IT.


OK LADIES.
SHALL WE PLAY WITH THE L'TTLE KITTIES?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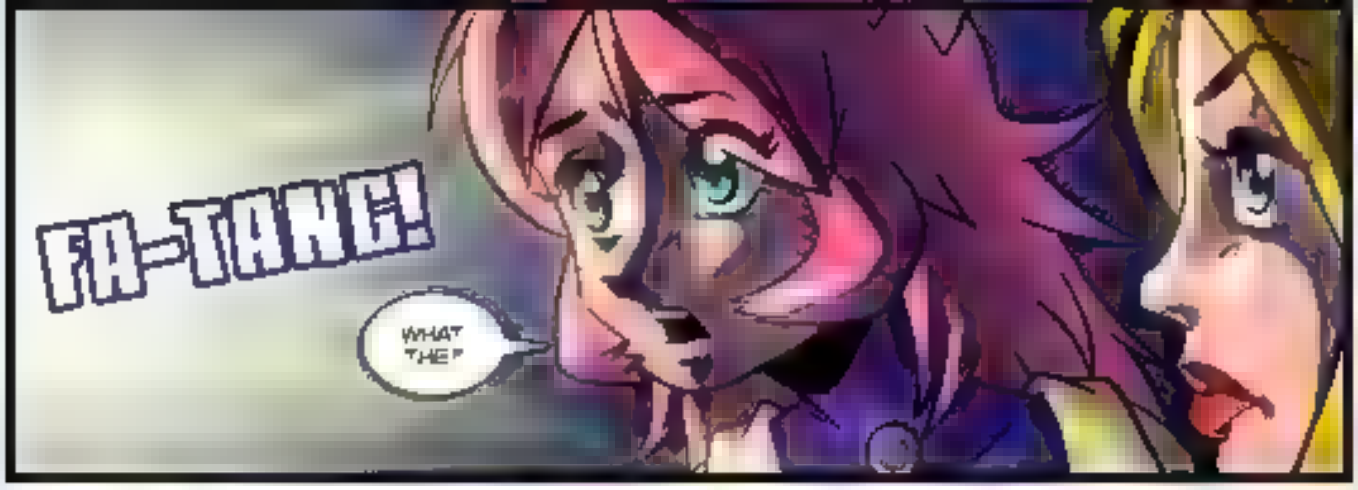
HUH?

DO YOU HEAR THAT?

FRAG IT! NOT YET!

HEAR WHAT?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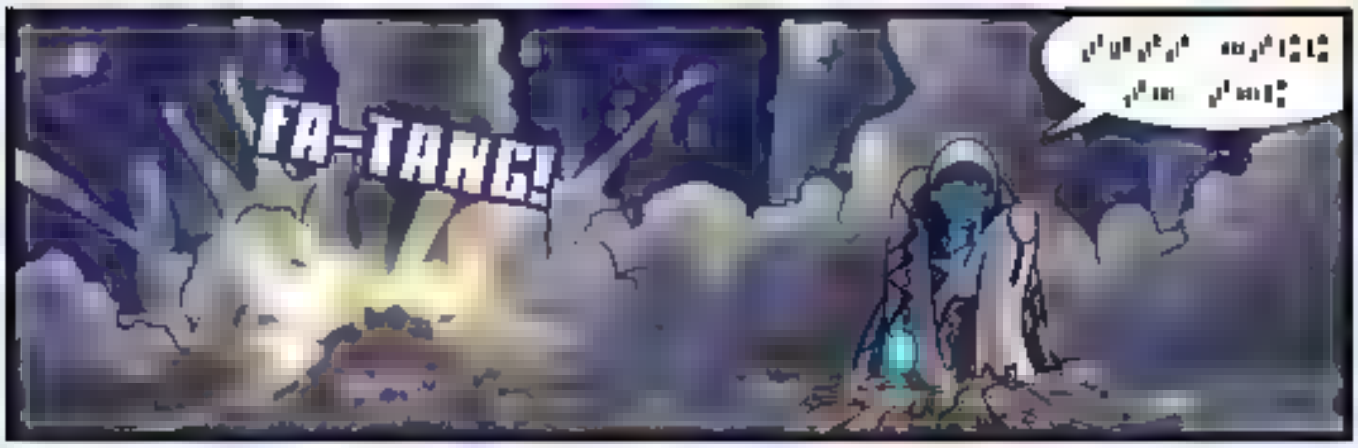
WHAT THE?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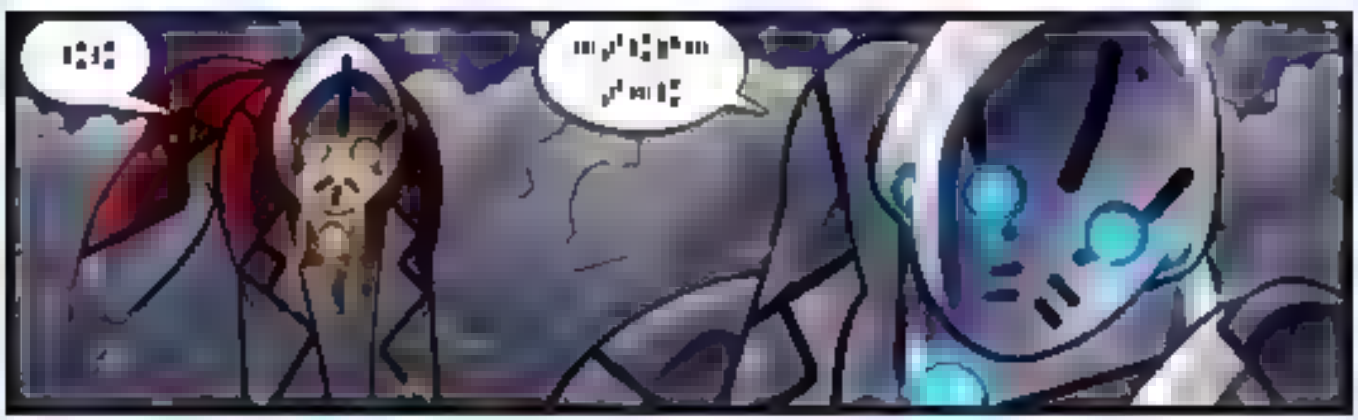
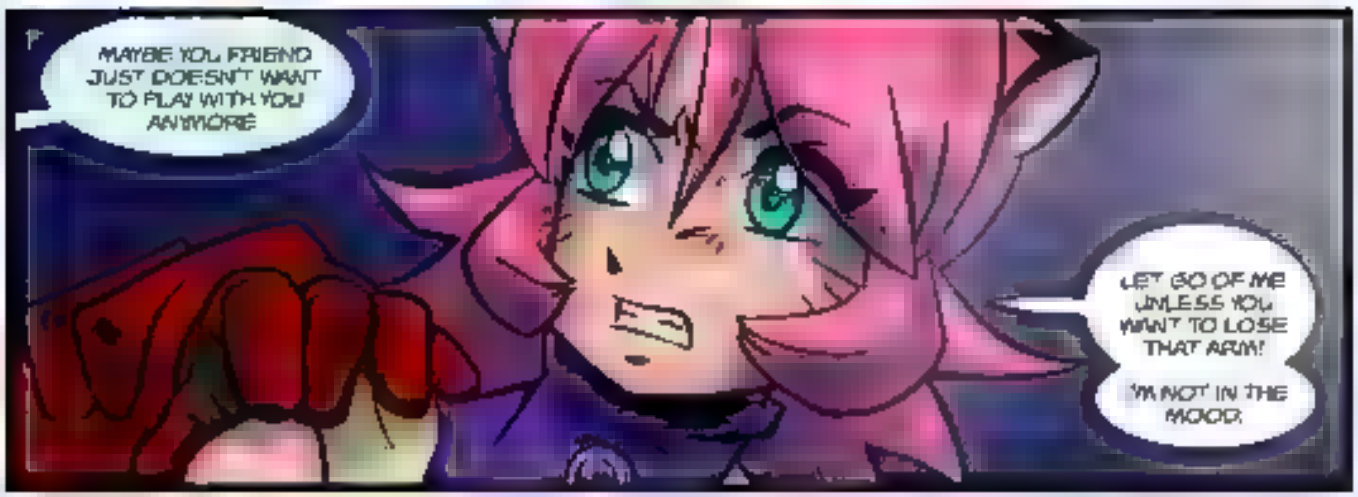
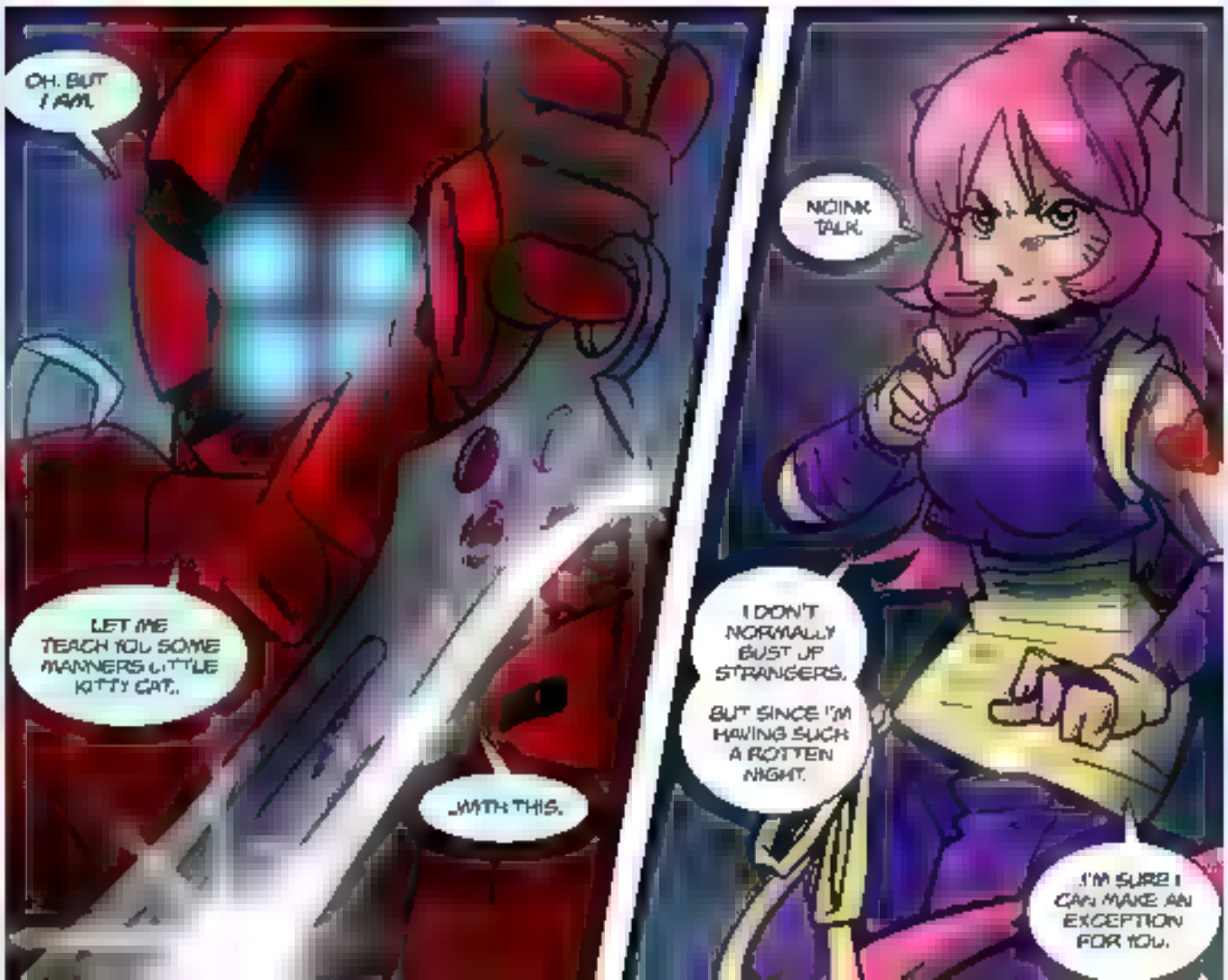
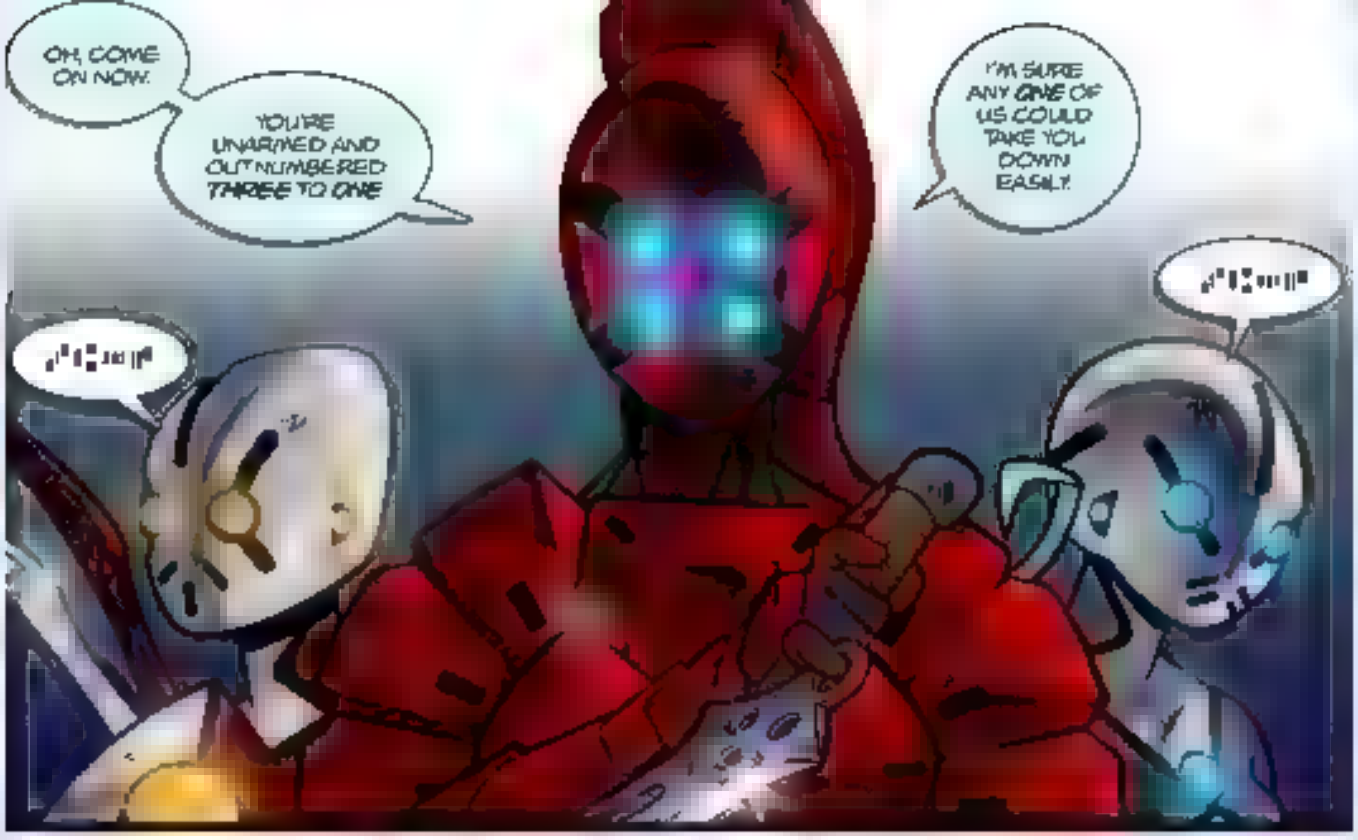


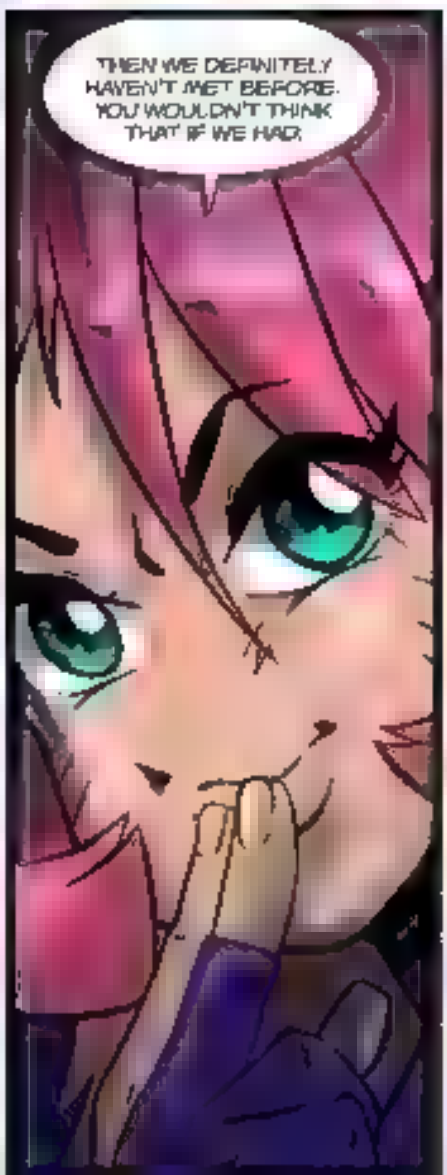
FRIENDS OF YOURS?
I'M PRETTY SURE HAVEN'T RUN INTO THESE TWO BEFORE.
I THINK.
I'M REALLY SORRY KIT
LUCY?

WAIT... LUCY? LUCY!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU LEAVING?

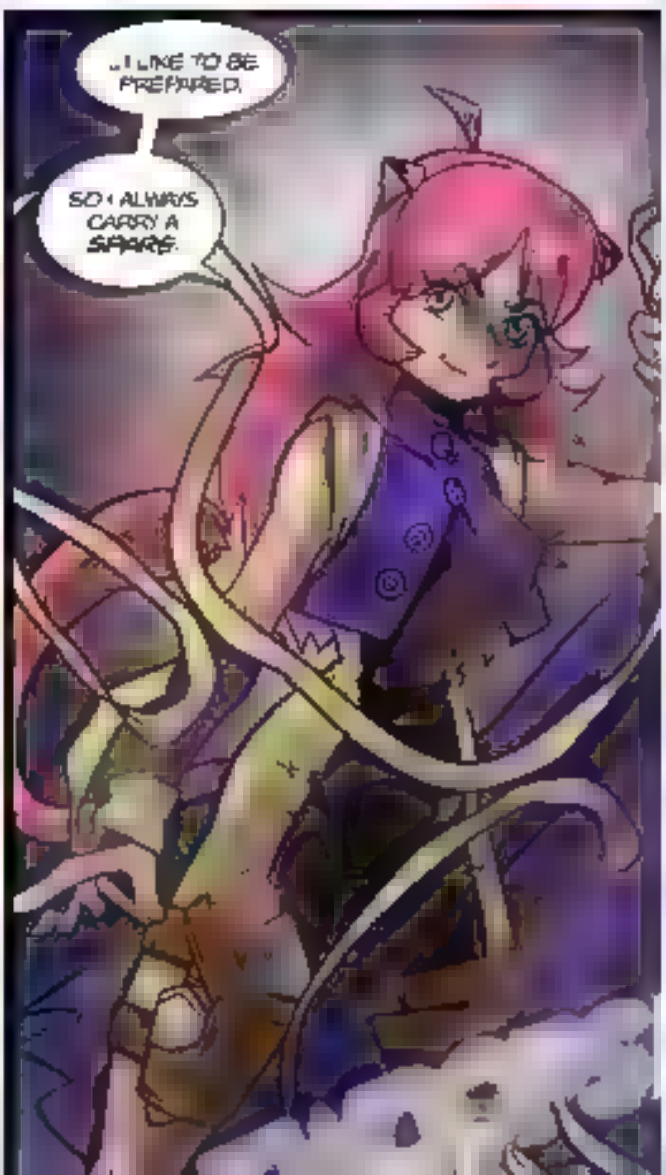

MAYBE YOU FRIEND JUST DOESN'T WANT TO PLAY WITH YOU ANYMORE
LET GO OF ME UNLESS YOU WANT TO LOSE THAT ARM!
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD.


OH. BUT I AM.
LET ME TEACH YOU SOME MANNERS LITTLE KITTY CAT..
...WITH THIS.
NOINK TALK.
I DON'T NORMALLY BUST UP STRANGERS.
BUT SINCE I'M HAVING SUCH A ROTTEN NIGHT.
I'M SURE I CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR YOU.


OH, COME ON NOW.
YOU'RE UNARMED AND OUTNUMBERED THREE TO ONE
I'M SURE ANY ONE OF US COULD TAKE YOU DOWN EASILY.


THEN WE DEFINITELY HAVEN'T MET BEFORE. YOU WOULDN'T THINK THAT IF WE HAD.

YOU SEE


...I LIKE TO BE PREPARED.
SO I ALWAYS CARRY A SPARE.

CHICK

RA-CHEEA

OK, YOU THINK YOU'RE READY?

CHA-FAAWOOOOOOOM

MY MY. THIS MAY BE INTERESTING.

OK RED. DON'T KNOW WHO YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE...
..BUT I'M REALLY NOT IN THE MOOD TO WASTE MY NIGHT MESSING ABOUT WITH SOME RANDOM NUTCASES
SO I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS REALLY QUICK
YES, I THINK WE WILL
QUICKER THAN YOU THINK

SHHIIINNNG

DRONES? WHAT IS T WITH ME AND MECHS TODAY?

OK BLUE, YOU WANT TO TRY TOO?
WOW!
HOW CAN MECHS THAT LOOK SO COOL BE SUCH A BUNCH OF SPOTTY NOINKS!
SKREEEEEEEE

THERE'S FIVE MINUTES I'M NEVER GETTING BACK
MAYBE KIT'S DONE AND CAN DITCH THIS GUY.
SKREEEEEEEE
UM, HEY?
WHAT'S WITH THE RACKET?
I BET KIT'S INVOLVED.
DEVI? GET BACK!

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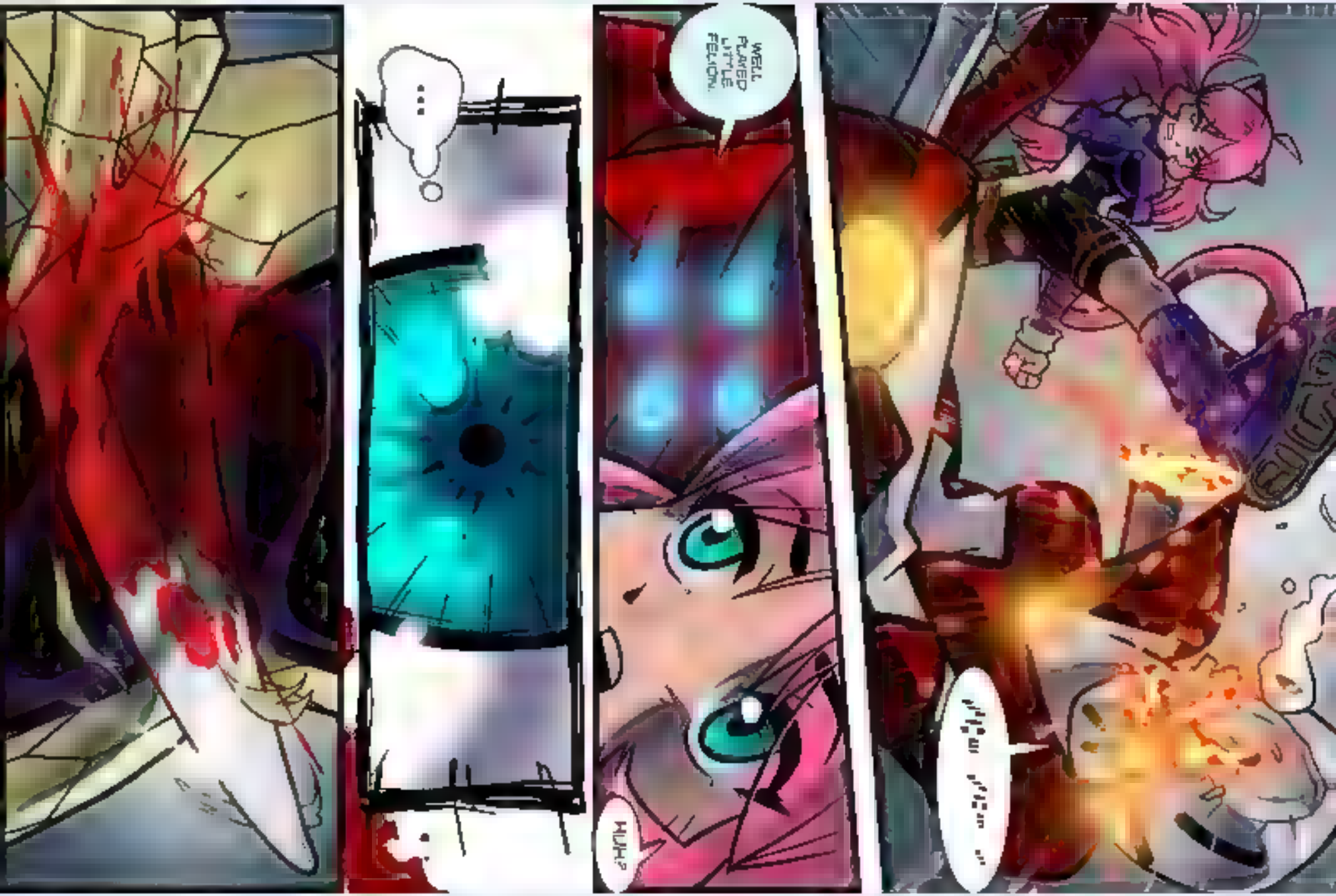
...
SCHWANG!!!
HUP!



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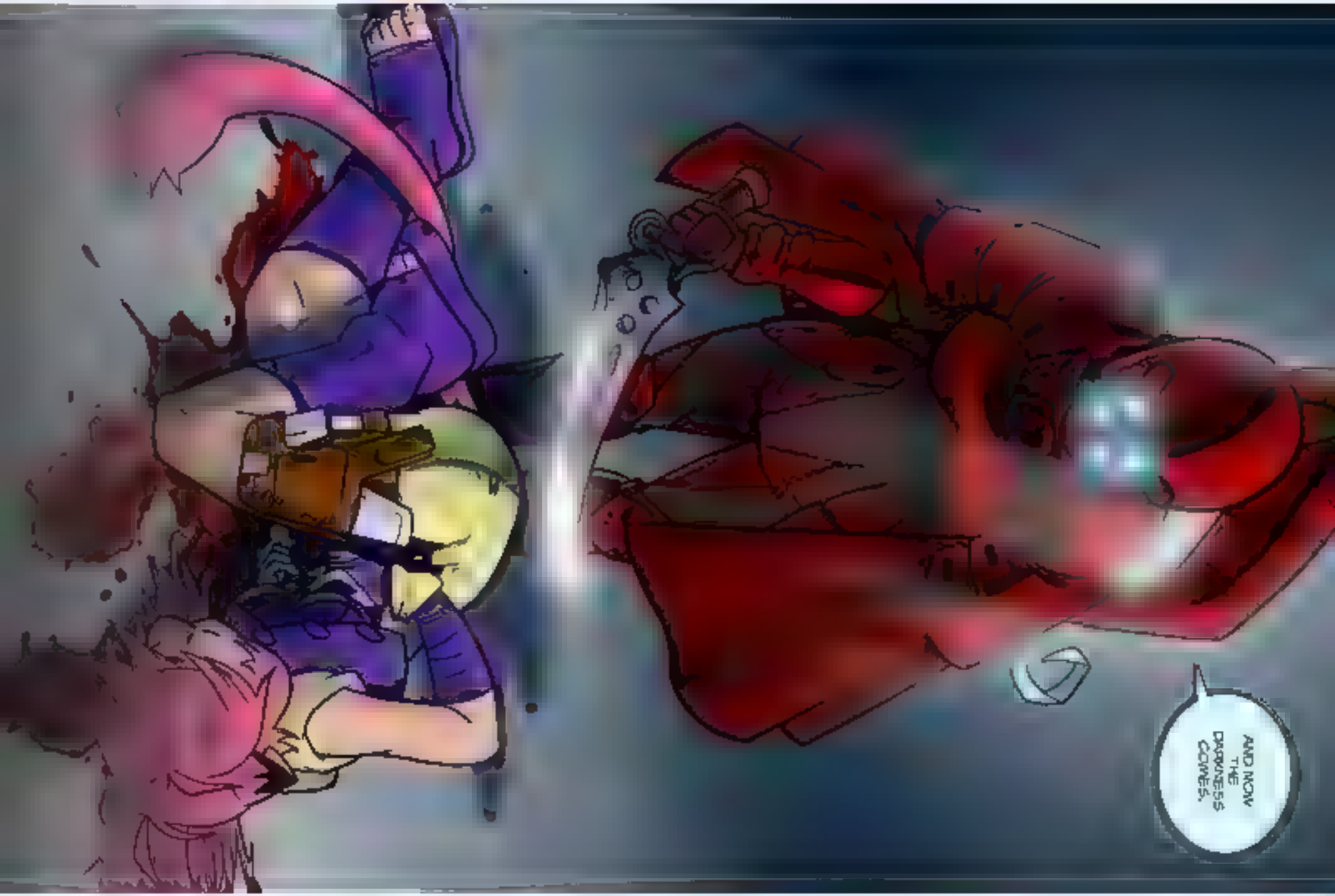

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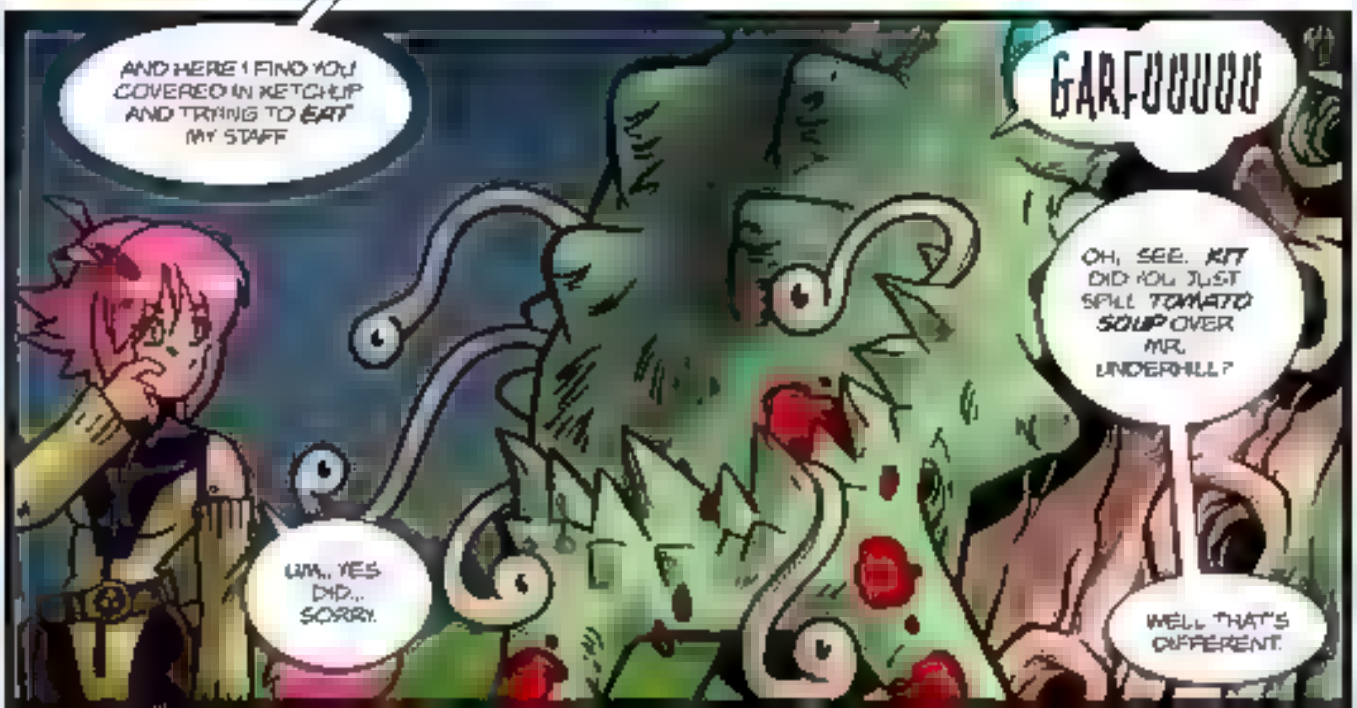
LUCY...
LUCY!
GUUURRF

FALTERDAN!
GUUURRF

STOP IT RIGHT THERE!
MR. UNDERHILL I'M SO VERY ASHAMED OF YOU,
AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO BE ON A DIET?


AND HERE I FIND YOU COVERED IN KETCHUP AND TRYING TO EAT MY STAFF
GARFUUUUU
OH, SEE. KIT DID YOU JUST SPILL TOMATO SOUP OVER MR. UNDERHILL?
UM.. YES DAD.. SORRY.
WELL THAT'S DIFFERENT.

KIT, YOU NEED TO TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE HE EATS YOU..
SO I CAN DO THE PAPERWORK.
HAH! VERY FUNNY
EVERYTHING WAS FINE UNTIL I TRIPPED OVER HIS TAIL HERE
THAT'S NOT HIS TAIL
SORRY, TALINK
WRONG AGAIN.
HIS TENTACLE
NOPE
WELL THEN WHAT IS THIS THING?

YOU SEE WHEN A MAN THINGY LOVES A WOMAN THINGY VERY MUCH HE PUTS HIS.. UM.. WELL.. THAT INTO..
OMG! OMG! EEEUUUWWW! GROSS!

I FIGURED YOU TWO WERE GOING TO BRING ME GRIEF.
IT'S KIDS LIKE YOU THAT GIVE FELIONS A BAD REP.

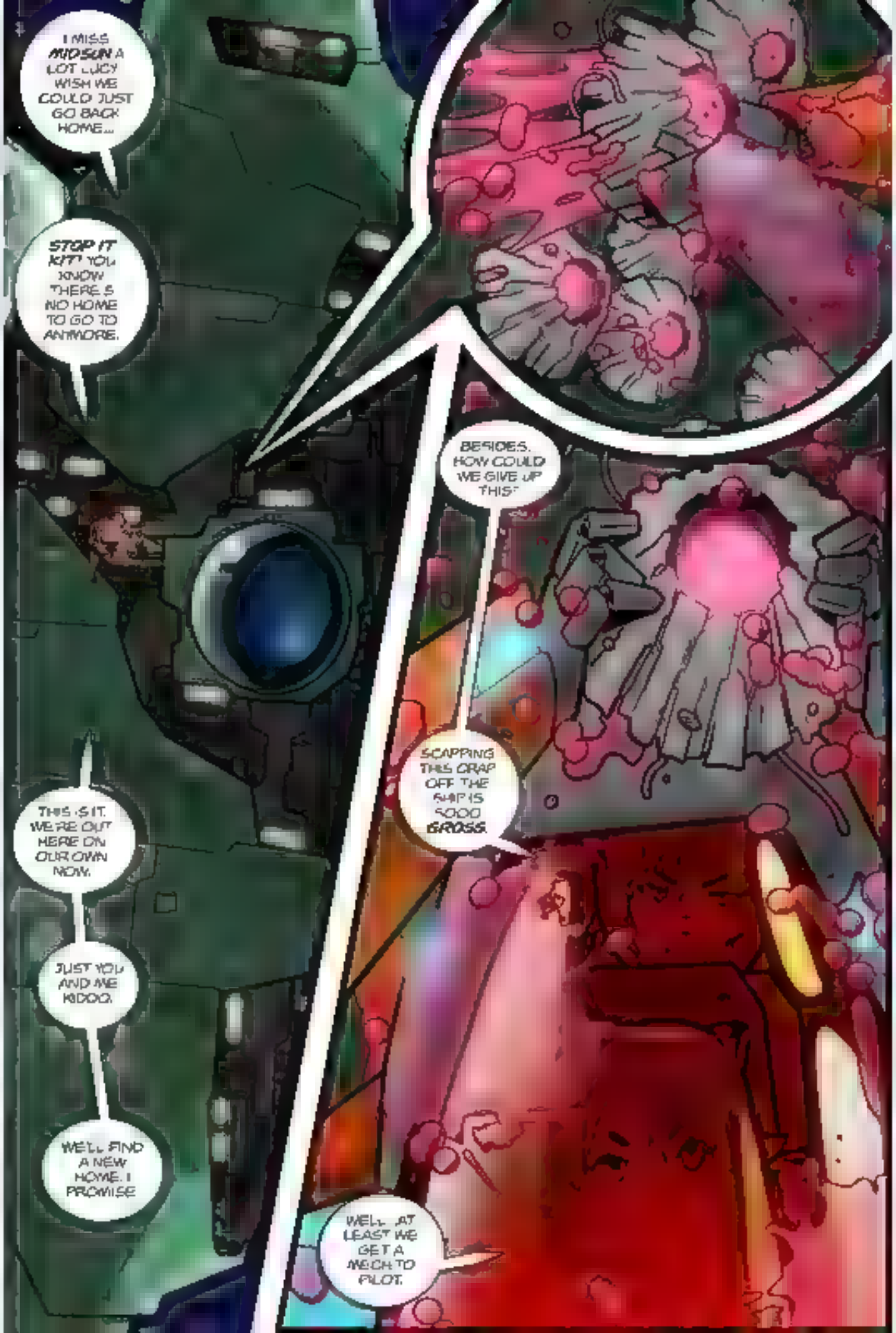
...I'M REALLY SORRY CAPTAIN CALOUNORA.
YEAH. KIT'S NEVER SEEN A TENTACLE PRON BEFORE
YOU KNOW, SHELTERED LIFE AND ALL

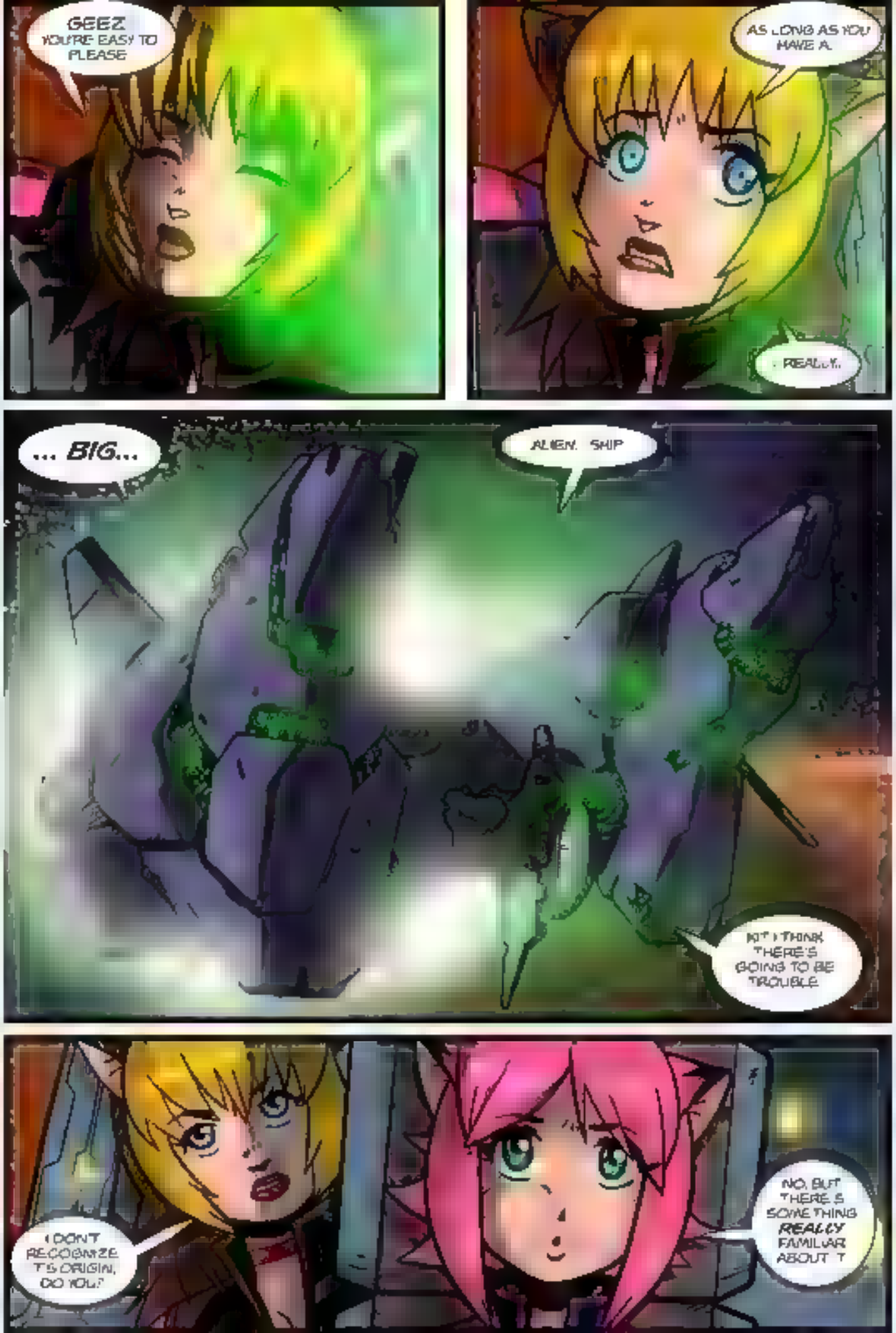
CUT IT! WE HIT MAGASSE IN A FEW DAYS.

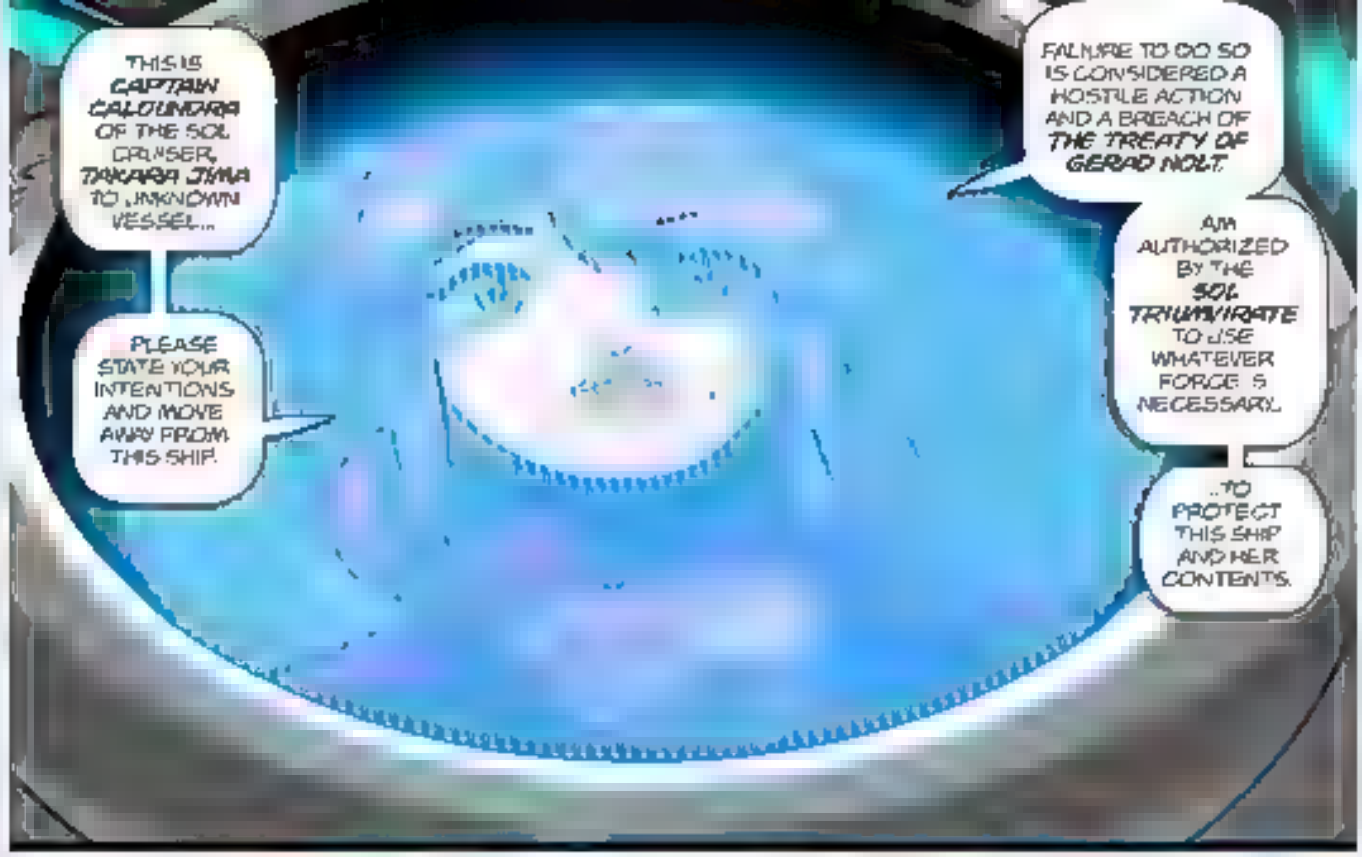
...UNTIL THEN YOU TWO ARE ON PROBATION.
SCREW IT AGAIN IN THE NEXT FOUR DAYS AND YOU ARE OUT OF HERE!
SORRY.
IN THE MEANTIME, YOU'RE ASSIGNED TO BARNACLE SCAPING DUTY.
GET OUT.

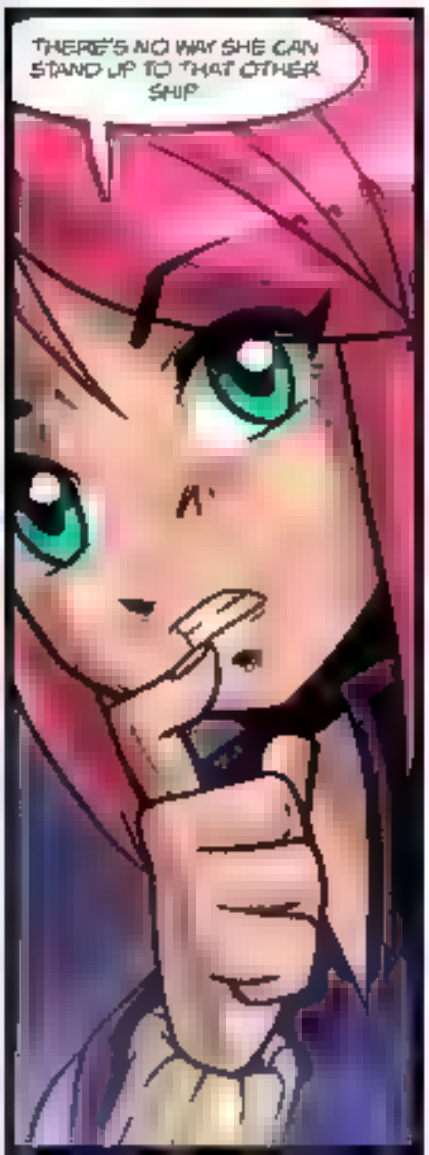
WORK POD SIGMA TAU YOU ARE CLEARED FOR EVA WORK.
OK KIT YOU DRIVE BUT DON'T BUST UP THIS POD LIKE THE LAST ONE
YOU WERE PRETTY CLOSE ON THIS SIDE. WATCH IT!
SHUT UP! I'VE GOT THIS UNDER CONTROL!
THIS TIME.
SLOW DOWN! YOU'RE GOING TO HIT...
JUST GREAT
SCRETCH
I THINK IT'S JUST A LITTLE SCRATCH.

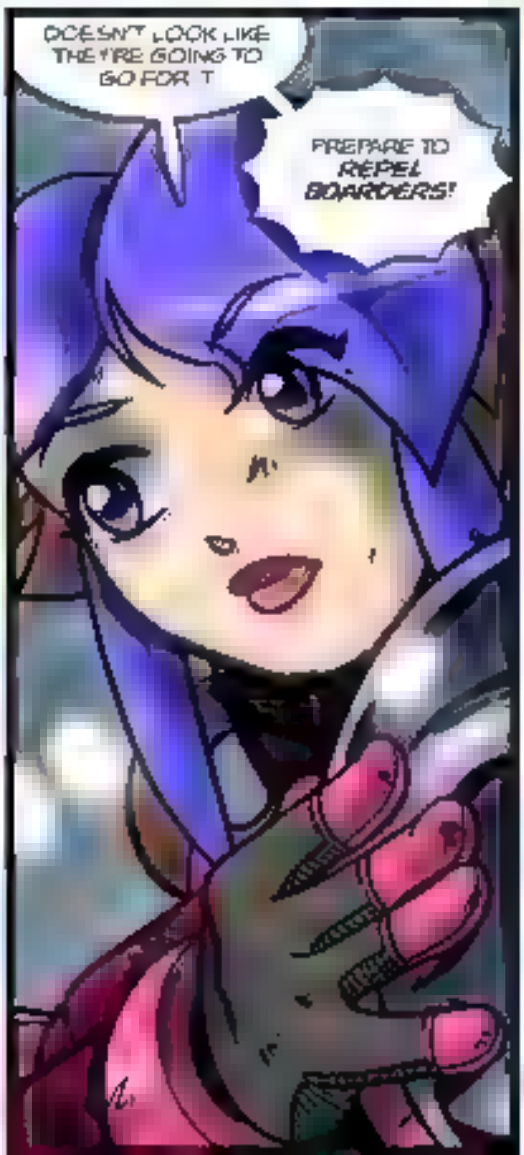
WAIT A MINUTE! WERE YOU MESSING WITH THE CONTROLS BACK THERE?
TOTALLY PWNED!
LUCY! YOU CAN BE SUCH A NOINK SOMETIMES!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A NOINK, BALLARD?
YOU OWE ME BIG TIME FOR GETTING YOU THIS GIG
YOU'D STILL BE STUCK IN SOME GRAMP IF I HADN'T COME LOOKING FOR YOU.
I FOUND YOU REMEMBER?
FORGET IT
ANYWAY, THE DAMAGE DOESN'T LOOK AS BAD FROM OUT HERE.

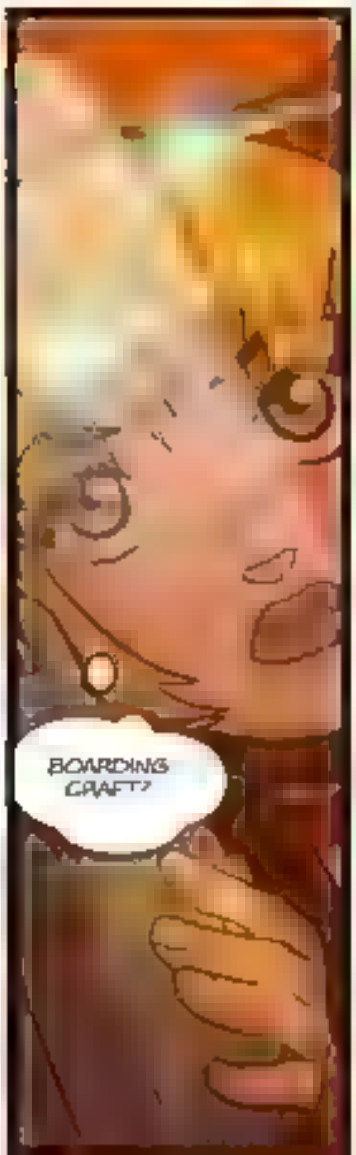

I MISS MIDSUN A LOT LUCY WISH WE COULD JUST GO BACK HOME...
STOP IT KIT! YOU KNOW THERE'S NO HOME TO GO TO ANYMORE.
BESIDES, HOW COULD WE GIVE UP THIS?
SCRAPPING THIS CRAP OFF THE SHIP IS SOOO GROSS.
THIS SUCKS IT. WE'RE OUT HERE ON OUR OWN NOW.
JUST YOU AND ME KIDDO.
WE'LL FIND A NEW HOME. I PROMISE
WELL, AT LEAST WE GET A MECH TO PILOT.


GEEZ YOU'RE EASY TO PLEASE
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE A
...REALLY...
... BIG...
ALIEN SHIP
NIT I THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE
I DON'T RECOGNIZE T'S ORIGIN, DO YOU?
NO, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING REALLY FAMILIAR ABOUT T


THIS IS CAPTAIN CALOUNDRA OF THE SOL CRUISER, TAKARA JIMA TO UNKNOWN VESSEL...
PLEASE STATE YOUR INTENTIONS AND MOVE AWAY FROM THIS SHIP.
FAILURE TO DO SO IS CONSIDERED A HOSTILE ACTION AND A BREACH OF THE TREATY OF GERAD NOLT.
AM AUTHORIZED BY THE SOL TRIUMVIRATE TO USE WHATEVER FORCE IS NECESSARY...
..TO PROTECT THIS SHIP AND HER CONTENTS.







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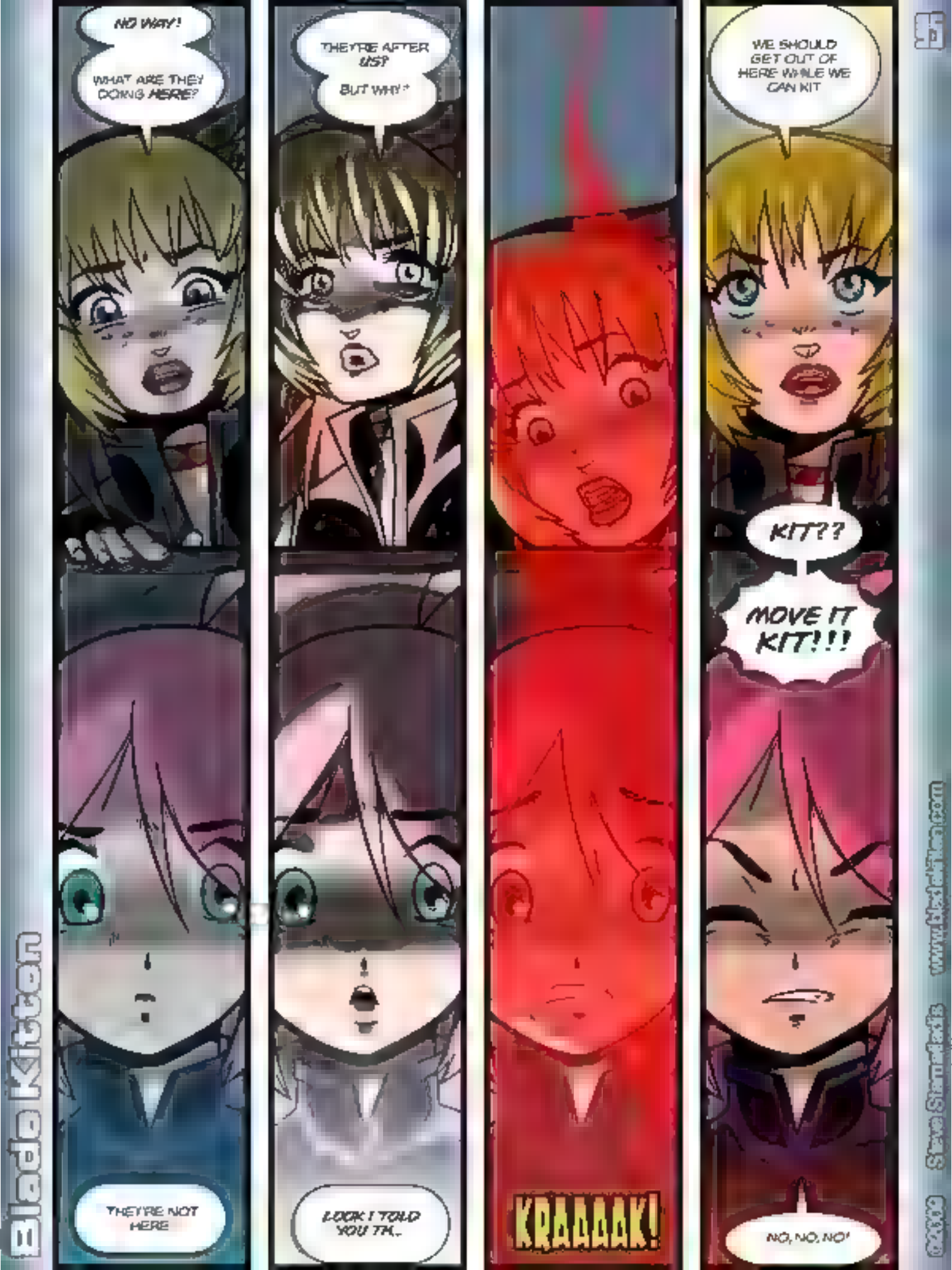
HERE THEY COME
WE HAVE BREACHES ON DECKS 12 AND 17
THEYRE HEADING THIS WAY
STAND FIRM!
AAAIIIEEEEE!!!
FOOOM
FOOOM
FOOOM
FOOOM
FOOOM
FOOOM
WHAT.. THE.. CEILING?
LOOK OUT!
HUH?

YI-ARGH!
NO ! CAN'T BE!
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE THEY'RE ..
...DARQUES!


NO WAY!
WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?
THEY'RE NOT HERE
THEY'RE AFTER US?
BUT WHY?
LOOK I TOLD YOU I'M..
KRAAAAK!
WE SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE WHILE WE CAN KIT
KIT??
MOVE IT KIT!!!
NO, NO, NO!
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FZZZZIT

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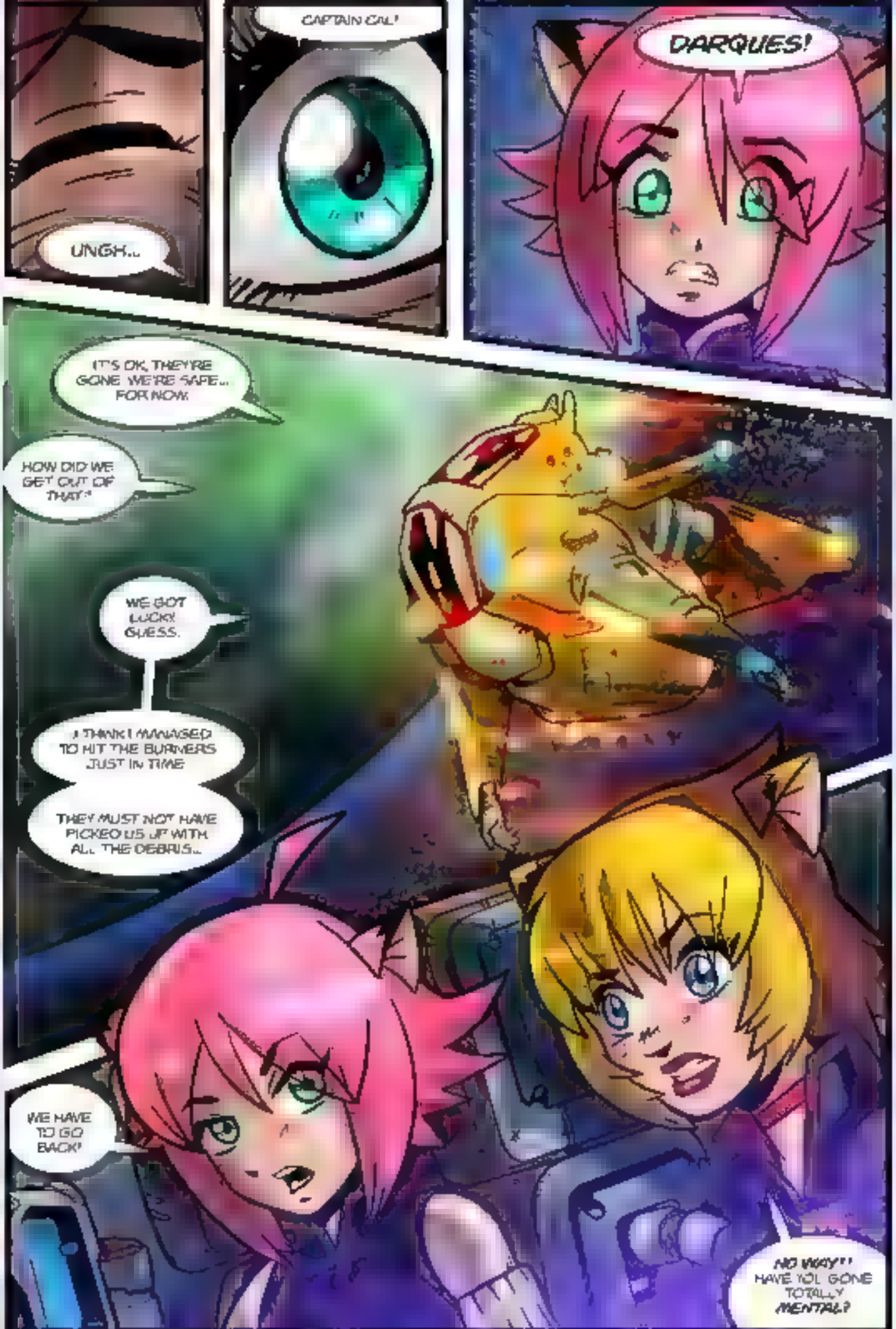
KRA-KOOM!!!


UNGH...
CAPTAIN CAL!
DARQUES!
IT'S OK, THEY'RE GONE. WE'RE SAFE... FOR NOW.
HOW DID WE GET OUT OF THAT?
WE GOT LUCKY, GUESS.
I THINK I MANAGED TO HIT THE BURNERS JUST IN TIME.
THEY MUST NOT HAVE PICKED US UP WITH ALL THE DEBRIS...
WE HAVE TO GO BACK!
NO WAY!! HAVE YOU GONE TOTALLY MENTAL?

YOU MEAN YOU JUST WANT TO LEAVE THEM AND RUN?
SURE IF IT MEANS WE GET OUT OF IT ALIVE
BESIDES WE'VE GOT OUR OWN PROBLEMS, THIS SHIP'S RUNNING ON EMPTY
WHAT'S THE GOOD OF US GETTING KILLED FOR NOTHING?
WE NEED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLANETFALL NOW OR DIDN'T YOU NOTICE?
THAT'S GOING TO BE A GOOD TRICK. THESE THINGS WEREN'T MADE FOR PLANETFALL
WHAT?
HOLD ON TIGHT IT'S GOING TO BE A BUMPY RIDE..
...IF WE MAKE IT!
YOU GET US DOWN IN ONE PIECE!
I CAN'T DIE YET! I HAVEN'T MARRIED A TRILLION-AIRE!
IF WE MAKE IT I'M SOOO GOING TO HIT YOU

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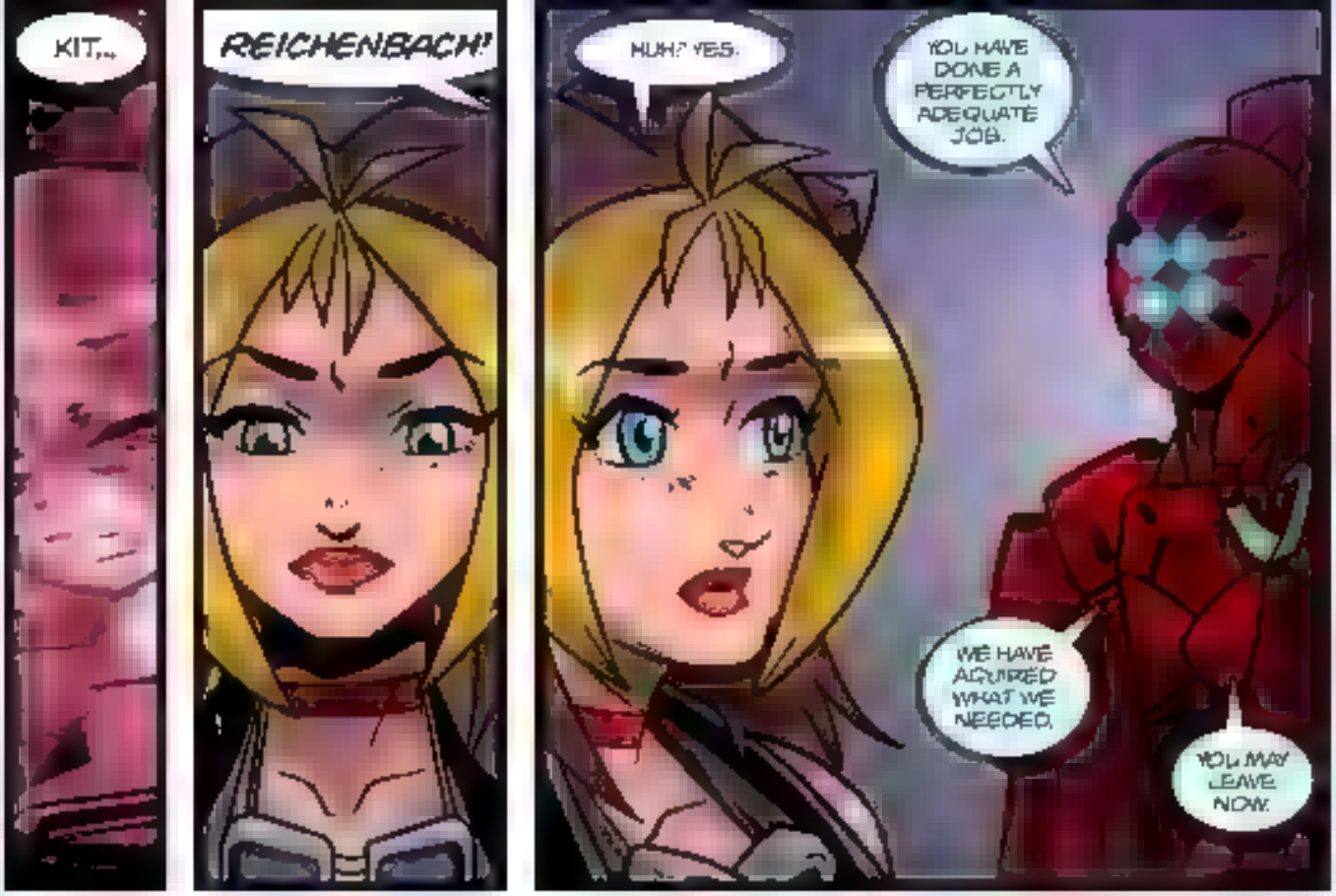

KIT...
REICHENBACH!
HUH? YES.
YOU HAVE DONE A PERFECTLY ADEQUATE JOB.
WE HAVE ACQUIRED WHAT WE NEEDED.
YOU MAY LEAVE NOW.

WAIT... WHAT DID YOU DO WITH KIT.
STRANGE YOU SHOULD ASK.
YOU HAD NO PROBLEMS SELLING OUT YOUR COMRADE BEFORE BUT NOW YOU WORRY FOR HER?
PATHETIC.

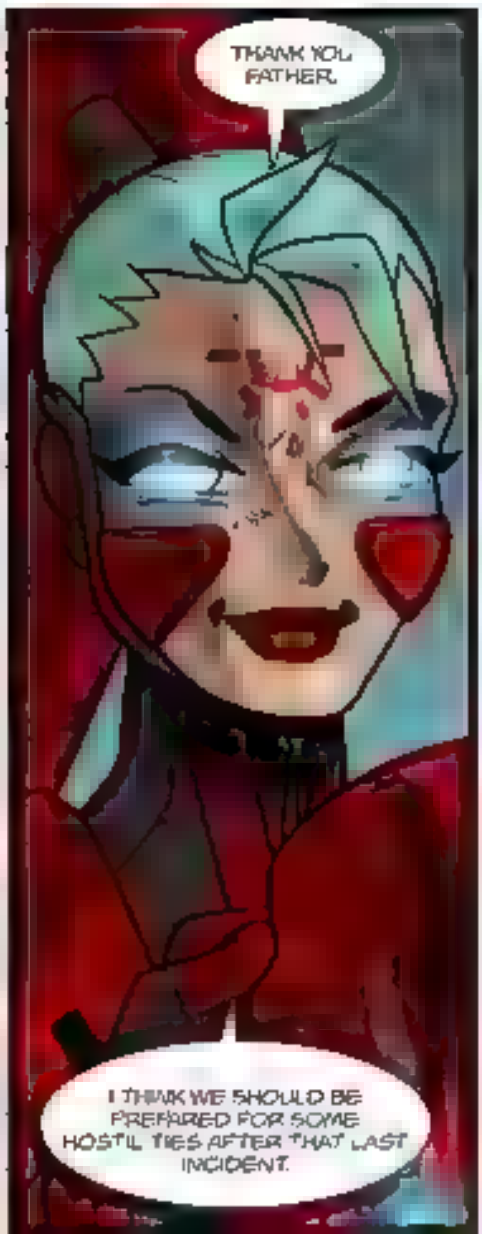
HERE, YOUR FEE, 30,000 HEX AS AGREED.
TAKE IT AND GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!
DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH YOUR KIND OF SCUM!

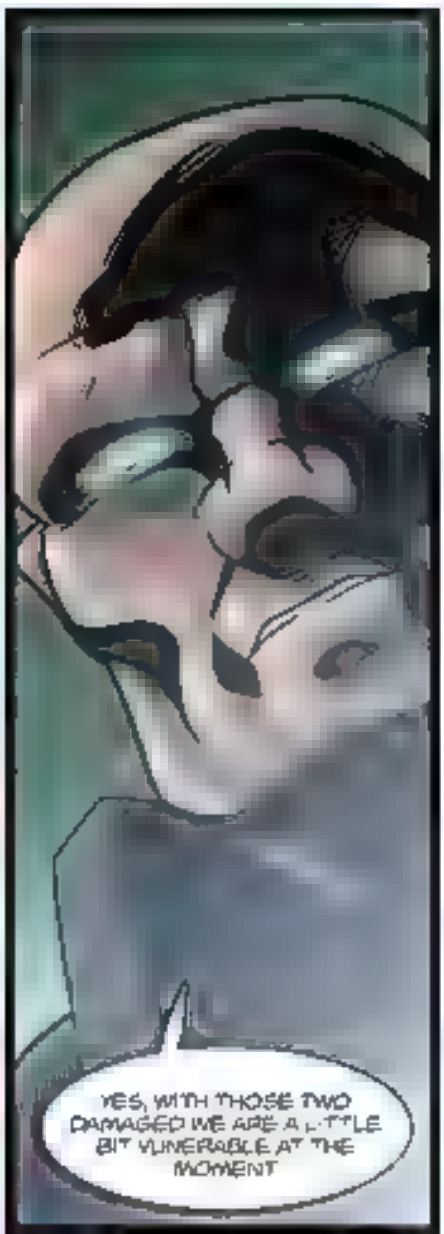
TUB THUMP
THUMP
SKEEEE!!!
GIVE IT UP YOU LITTLE RAT T IS JUST ME. DEVI. AS IN THE DEVI THAT LIVES HERE!
LOOK SKIFFY WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.
KIT'S BEEN HURT BY THE BAD GUYS AND WE HAVE TO FIND AND RESCUE HER. SOMEHOW
NOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME FIND HER OR AM GOING TO HAVE TO DUMP YOUR CHUBBY BUTT OUT ON THE STREET?
SKEE
GOOD!

NOW WE JUST NEED TO FIND SOME HELP...
LOOK! SHE'S WAKING UP!
WELCOME BACK TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING ALAMO!

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
GATTY?
FEEL LIKE I WAS HIT BY A SCROAD
DID WE HAVE A GOOD TIME OUT LAST NIGHT?
I MUST HAVE BECAUSE I DON'T REMEMBER A THING!
REST UP FOR NOW AND I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT LATER.

MY LORD KAGEMUSHA.
AH, AKAEL. YOU HAVE DONE WELL AS ALWAYS.
IT IS A SHAME THAT THERE WERE SOME CASUALTIES IN THE SKIRMISH BUT MORE IMPORTANT, YOU DID RECOVER THE PRIZE
OUR CLIENTS WILL BE PLEASED... VERY PLEASED INDEED. YOUR MOTHER WOULD BE PROUD.





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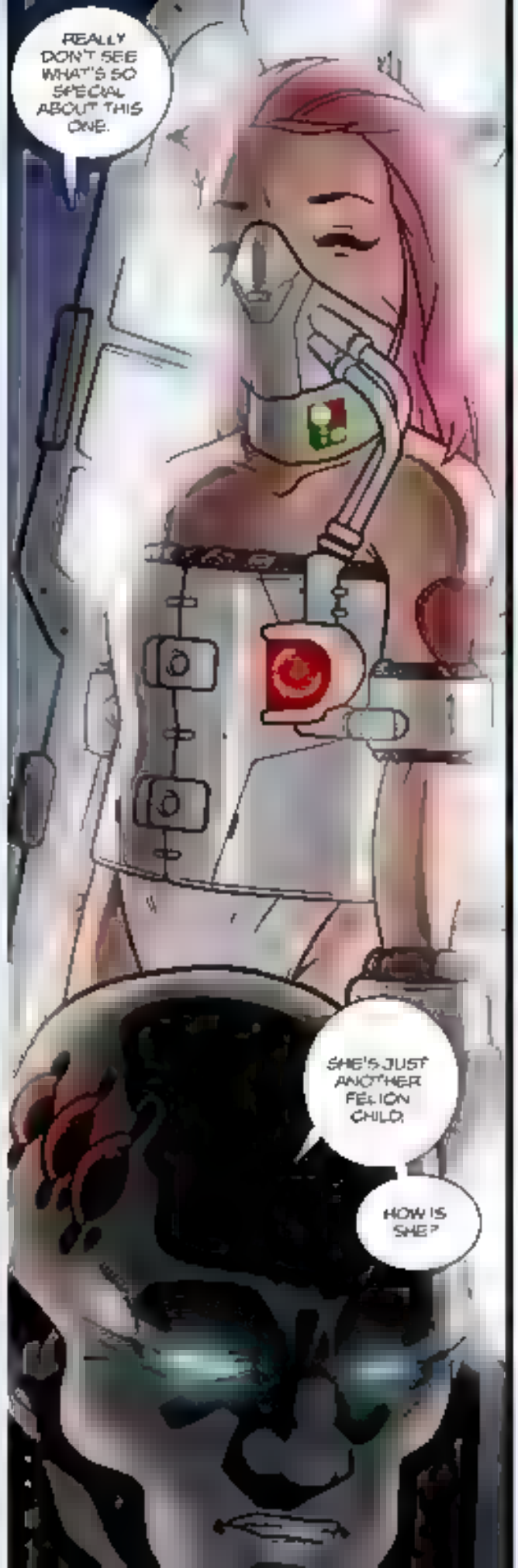
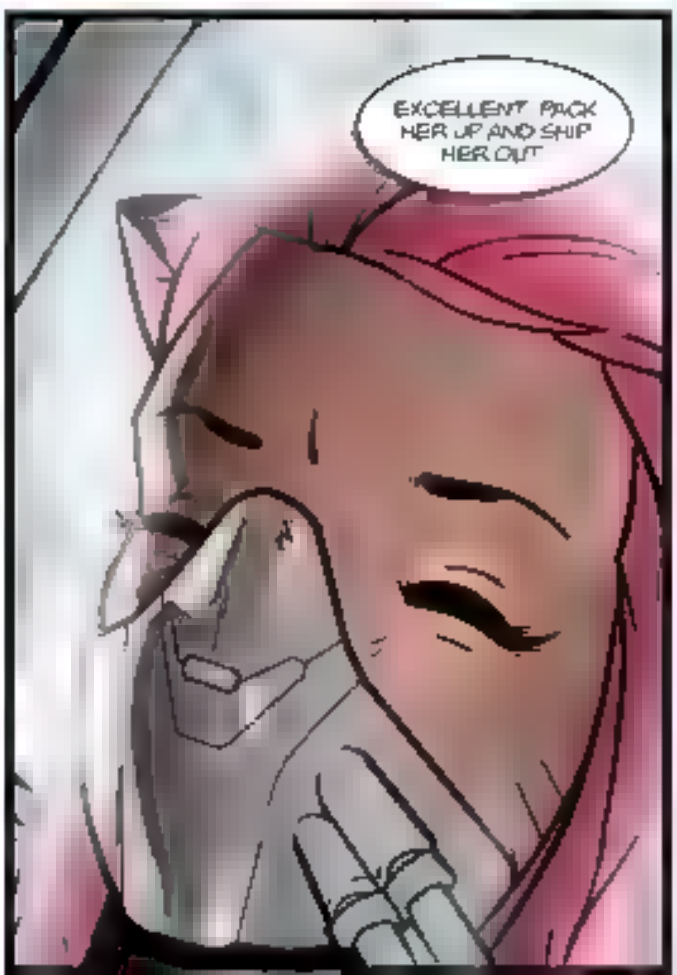


HER VITALS ARE WHERE THEY SHOULD BE.
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S SHE'S HEALING FINE
I'D SAY SHE'LL BE ON HER FEET AGAIN IN NO TIME.
BUT THAT WON'T BE HAPPENING.



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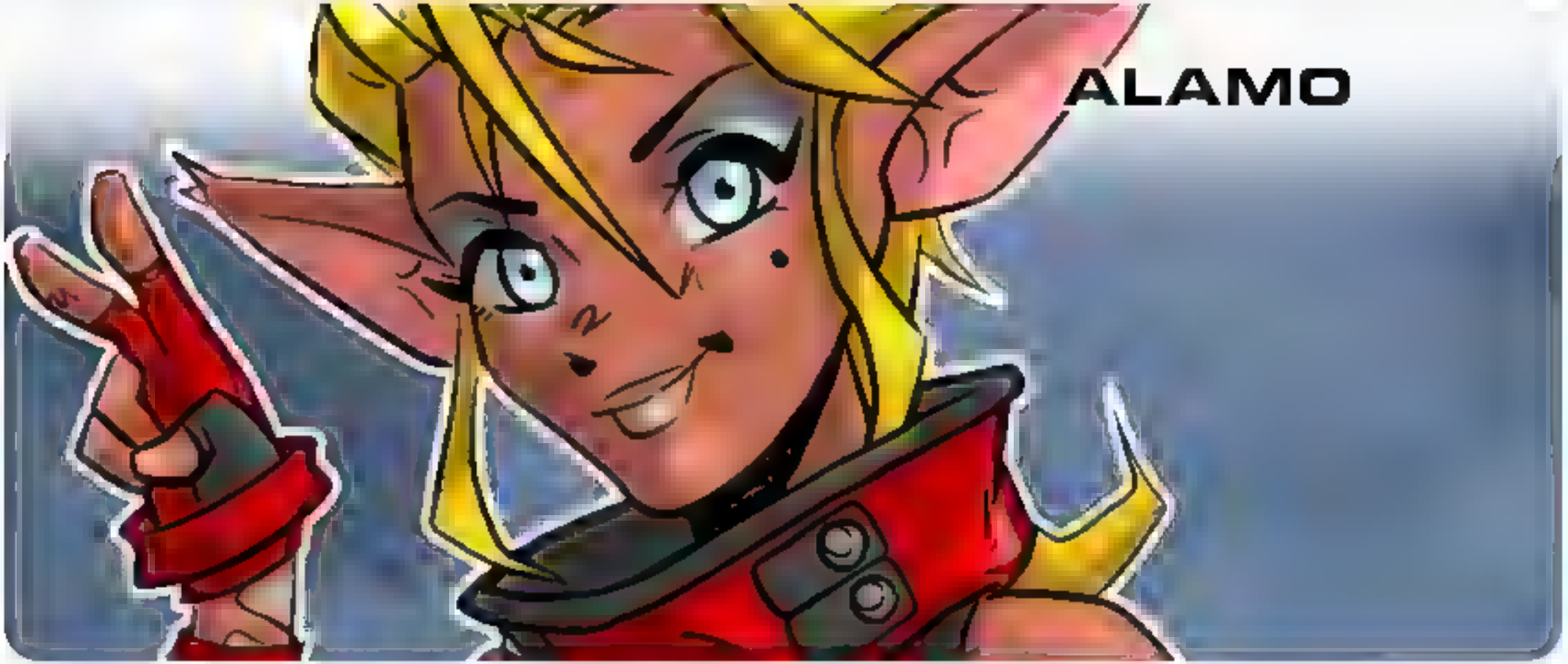
WOOOOOOOM
SKE-WEEE-III
KA-SHAAAAAAAA
WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE EVAC MEMBRANE?
CONSIDERING THIS TECH HASN'T BEEN USED SINCE THE WAR..
..THE SEAL IS PERFECT AND SHE'S DROPPED INTO HYBERNATION WITH NO PROBLEMS.
SHE'S READY TO GO.
KDOOOOOONG
AXAEL INFORM YOUR SISTER THAT WE ARE MOVING TO STAGE 3.
AND I'll INFORM OUR FRIENDS THAT MISS BALLARD'S ON HER WAY..
TO BE CONTINUED..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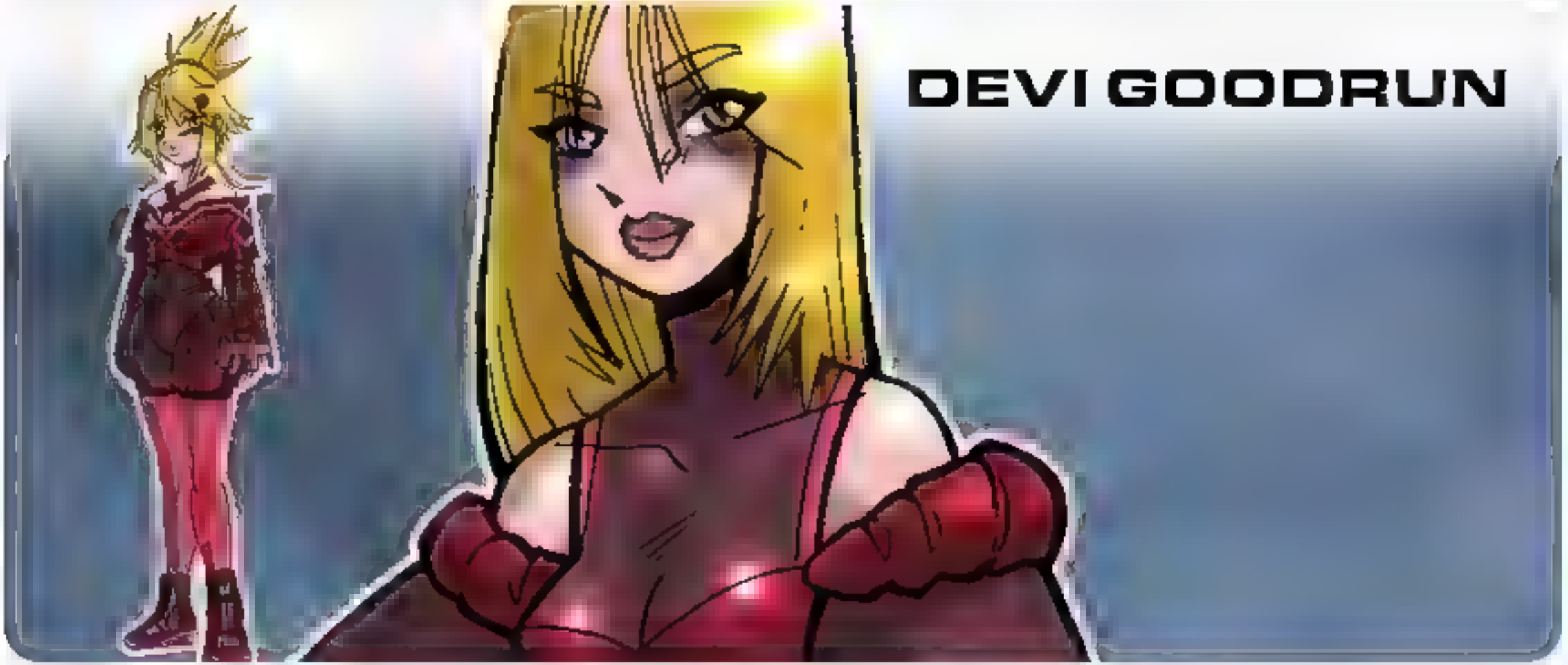
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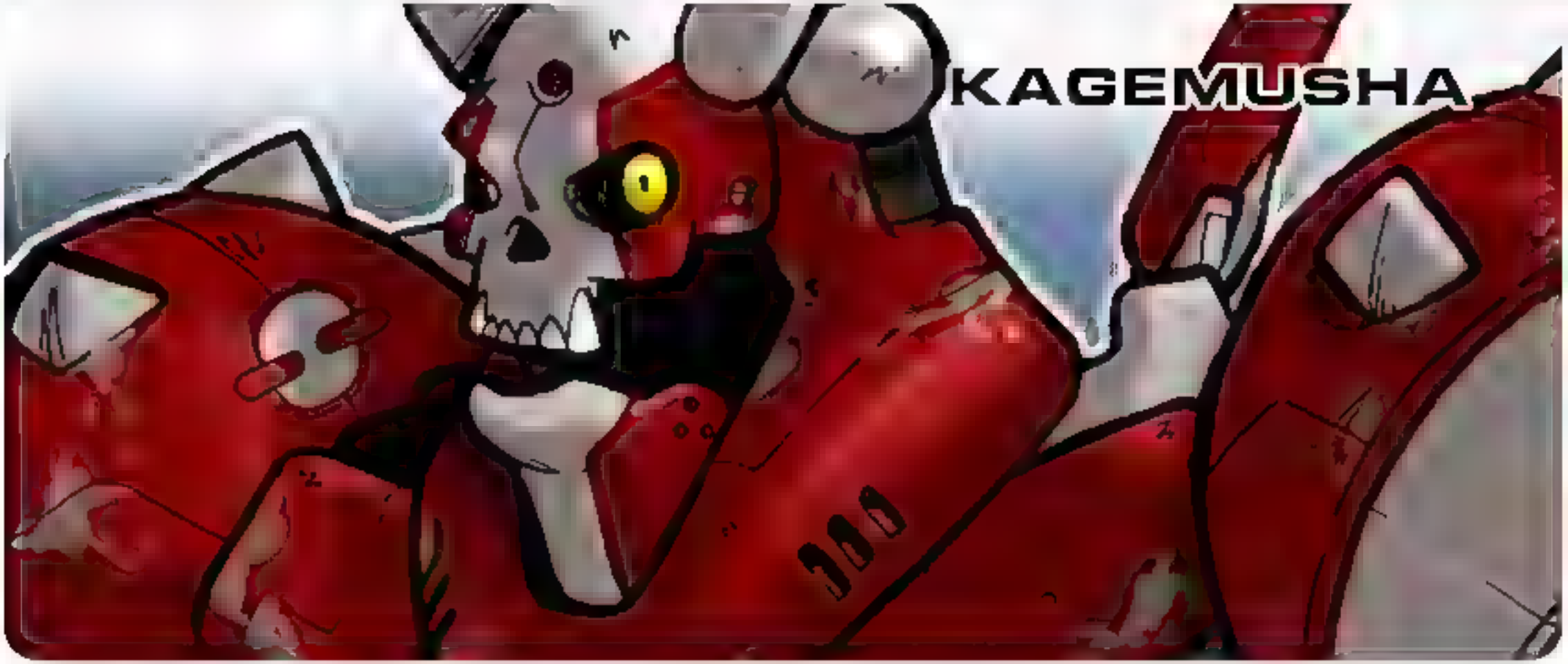
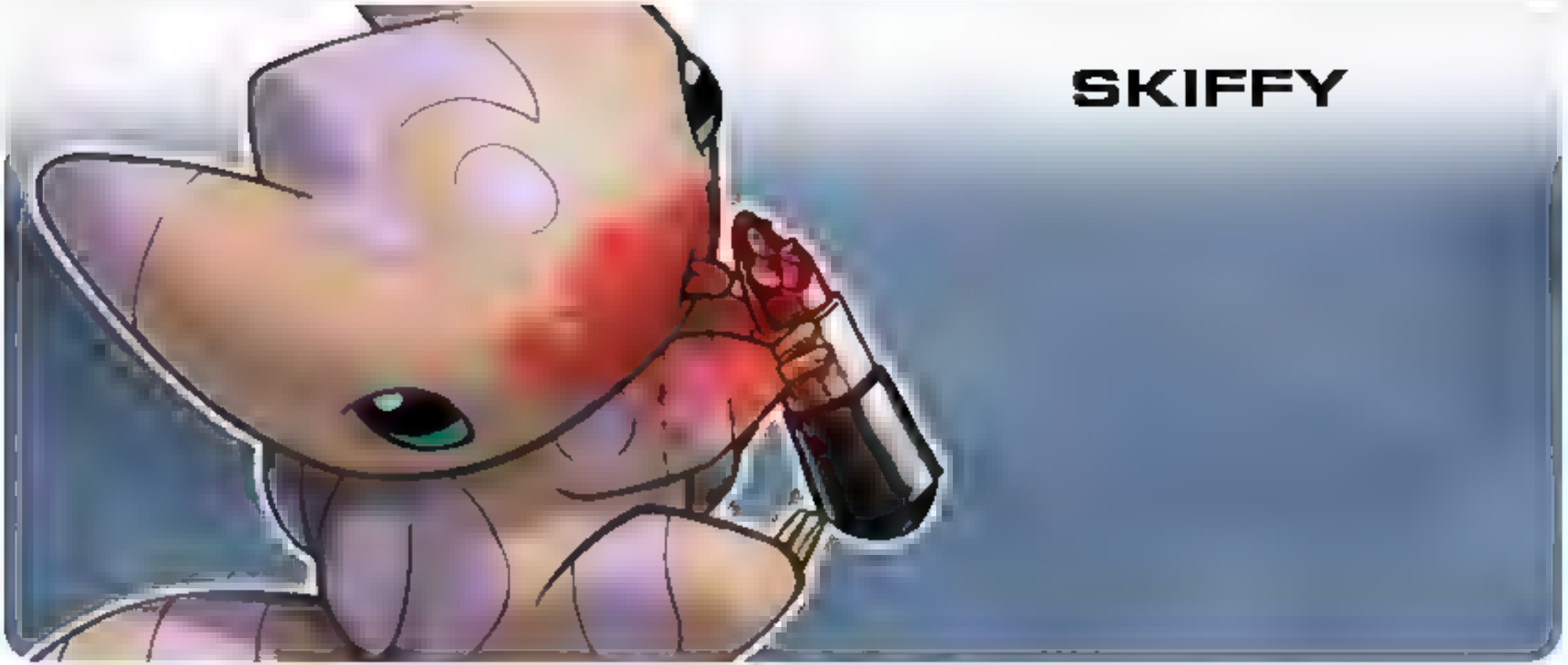

KAGEMUSHA

KIT BALLARD

PANYA DURST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